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## US threatens to attack again

### 27 cruise missiles hit Iraq: No-fly zone is extended

By IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON, MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICA declared last night that it was ready to attack Iraq again, in spite of widespread criticism of its cruise missile strike yesterday morning.

President Clinton said that President Saddam Hussein had to pay a price for his brutality and be prevented from attacking his neighbours and American interests. Besides yesterday's "punishment" attack, the "no-fly zone" in southern traq was being extended and UN plans to allow Baghdad to sell oil for food were being delayed.

But Saddam ordered his forces to ignore both of the nofly zones imposed by the West to protect Iraqi Kurds, and told them to shoot down any hostile aircraft over Iraq. Western intelligence sources also reported that Iraqi forces were moving deeper into Kurdish-controlled areas, in spite of claims from Baghdad that they were withdrawing.

Yesterday's attack, codenamed Desert Strike, was launched at 7.15am (3.15am BST) and involved two B52 bombers which flew from the Pacific island of Guam and two guided missile warships in the Gulf. They fired 27 cruise missiles on targets in southern Iraq in a mission that was declared a success. Baghdad said that five people were killed, 19 wounded and a

number of houses destroyed. Britain, the only ally to speak out strongly in favour of the operation, offered logistical support by allowing the tankers which refuelled the B52s to take off from Diego Garcia atoll in the Indian

John Major later reiterated Britain's unequivocal support. saying that he feared the Kurds were facing a repeat of

the humanitarian disaster

they had suffered at Saddam's hands five years ago. "We have learnt from bitter experience what Saddam Hussein stands for, what he is and the danger he represents, both to his own people in Iraq and to others as well," the Prime Minister said.

He was supported by Lab-our, which described the atas justifiable and inevitable, and he denied that the threat of reprisals against

### Shares fall but oil prices rise

The price of North Sea crude oil rose from \$21.99 a barrel to \$22.75 before slipping to \$22.00. At the peak oil was trading at its highest since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990. The FT-SE 100 was down 28.5.

Arab reaction Missile attacks Simon Jenkins Leading article.

foreign tourists or workers would prevent further allied action.

Germany and Japan also backed the attack, but France reacted coolly and called for a political solution - a reaction which disappointed the White House after Mr Clinton had spent half an hour on the telephone trying to win over President Chirac on Monday.

Most Arab nations - apart from Kuwait - strongly condemned the operation, as did China and Russia, which described the raids as unacceptable. Spain and New Zealand were also concerned that America was acting too

William Perry, the Ameri-

can Defence Secretary, nevertheless made plain that America was prepared to take further military action if it was deemed necessary and President Clinton defended his decision in a statement from the White House, saying that Saddam had repeatedly made clear his disdain for civilised behaviour.

\*Our objectives are limited, but clear: to make Saddam pay a price for the latest act of brutality, reducing his ability to threaten his neighbours and America's interests.

"Hussein's objectives may change, but his methods are always the same - violence and aggression, against the Kurds, against other ethnic minorities, against Iraq's neighbours.

Our answer to that recklessness must be strong and immediate . . . we must make it clear that reckless acts have consequences, or those acts will increase. We must reduce lrag's ability to strike out at its neighbours and we must increase America's ability to contain Iraq over the long

The Western allies had now -decided\_to extend the no-fly zone in southern Iraq from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel, which means coalition aircraft will be able to fly almost to the suburbs of Baghdad. Iraq has 50 combat planes - a sixth of its strength -- at two key air bases in the extended area. and Saddam has until noon today to move them. If he did so, it would be regarded as an effective recognition of the

exclusion zone. But yesterday he issued a defiant statement urging his forces to consider the "damned imaginary lines" non-existent. They should resist the "humiliated and low-



\* Americans and teach them a lesson, he said. "Hit back with capability and erfficiency at any hostile plane the aggressors fly to violate the airspace of your great country

The Deputy Prime Minister, Tariq Aziz, also said in an interview with CNN that Iraq would not tolerate the no-fly zone any more. It had gone beyond reason and was being used as a means for aggres-

throughout Iraq."

sion against Iraq. He insisted that Iraqi forces had done nothing wrong in helping a Kurdish faction regain the city of Arbil from a rival group.

"What we did was legitimate. What the United States was illegitimate and against international law, against the letter and spirit of United Nations resolutions about Iraq. What we did was a responsible, positive, limited operation to help our people. We did nothing wrong," he said, adding that American reports that Iraqi troops were still advancing were deliberate disinformation.

The extended exclusion zone means that American, British and French aircraft will have to patrol an area around of Baghdad where the Iraqis have a concentration of surface-to-air missile sites, and Western intelligence sources said that Iraq might try to

shoot down allied planes. There was also a danger that Saddam would use any captured pilots as hostages or propaganda weapons as he did during the Gulf War.

The sites attacked yesterday were all within the new section of the exclusion zone. Asked why America had struck there, when the crisis was provoked by the assault on the Kurds in the north, Mr Perry said that WAshington had

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\*Look on the bright

side, we might get the chance to meet Kate

### Bodies dug up

Belgian police yesterday uncarthed the remains of two people at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, the paedophile who has confessed to cidnapping and torturing

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### Japanese-led consortium wins the battle for MoD's married quarters

By JAMES LANDALE AND JASON NISSÉ A CONSORTIUM led by

Nomura International, the

Japanese bank, has won the

battle to buy the Ministry of Defence's married quarters estates of 58,000 homes with a bid of £1.6 billion. It narrowly beat off a bid led by John Beckwith, the property developer who is a leading fundraiser for the Conservative Party and is believed to have offered slightly more. The winning Annington Homes consortium includes the Royal Bank of Scotland, Hambros Bank. Midland Bank, Abbey National Treasury Services and the AMEC Group. Nomura has been at pains to emphasise the British element to quell the protests from former Japanese prisoners of war. Other critics have included politicians, parts of the Armed Forces and service



Portillo: he pushed for the self-off

families. The plan was championed by Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, who last year pushed forward preparations for the sell-off in the face of the mounting

David Clark, the Shadow Defence Secretary, said it was "scandalous and disgraceful" that Hambros was involved in the deal. The bank has paid E300,000 into Tory party cof-fers since 1992 and is headed by Lord Hambro, the Senior Honorary Treasurer to the Conservative Party.

It stretches the boundaries of belief to suggest that Lord Hambro ... had no influence on the Government's decision," Mr Clark said. "Our Armed Forces will be furious that their homes are being sold in such a disgraceful manner.

Harold Payne of the National Federation of Far East Prisoners of War said he was disgusted with the Government. "This is the last straw," he said. "Anything to do with money these days seems to have Japanese attached to it. I am appailed."

A spokesman for the Royal British Legion said: "To award the contract to a Japanese group could be regarded served in the Far East during

Sir Thomas Macpherson, a Second World War commando who became a leading industrialist, is the chairman on Annington. Yesterday he said: "I'm not really surprised by the prisoners of war's reactions. But we are dealing with their children and grand children and with all the Japanese investment in this country you cannot turn the

He promised that there would be no quick sell-offs of property to help to fund the deal. There are 2,700 empty homes in the estate, worth an estimated £100 million, and Sir Thomas said that these would be upgraded before any were sold or relet. He added that Nomura's role in the group was to put it together and it would not be the largest

### Company chief backs Labour

By PHILLIP BASSETT

LABOUR'S campaign to win support from British business will be boosted today when the head of a top British company declares his backing.

Cob Stenham, the chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper making group which is in the FISE listing of top firms, will predict

Labour victory. Mr Stenham, 64, who was educated at Eton and Cambridge, said: "There are a lot more business supporters of Labour than meets the eye. Businessmen don't like to shout their support from the rooftops. But support is slowly

Tony Blair, the Labour leader. will today publish New Opportunities for Business, in which Labour will give five clear economic commitments.

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### Rhino horns worth £3m seized in London

By BILL FROST AND ADAM FRESCO

THE world's biggest seizure of rhinoceros horns, worth almost E3million, was made by police in London yesterday after a tip-off to the RSPCA. The 105 horns, weighing 240 kilos. were thought to be destined for Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Chinese communities in London. Manchester. and Liverpool. Ground down to powder, they are highly prized in the

Far East as an aphrodisiac, and to treat anything from nosebleeds to delirium, strokes and fevers.

Detectives from the South East Regional Crime Squad raided two garages in Kensington, West London. Three men were arrested there, and a woman was taken into custody later in Norwich. All were being questioned last night over possible offences under the UN Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species. Selling products with derivatives from endangered species can result in fines of up to £5,000 or two years in jail. Rhinos are one of the most endangered species; fewer than 7,000 white and 3,000 black are still alive.

and were probably trophies from

private collections: "They were from

animals shot much earlier this centu-

Detective Inspector Haslett Schofield, who led yesterday's operation, said that many of the horns were old

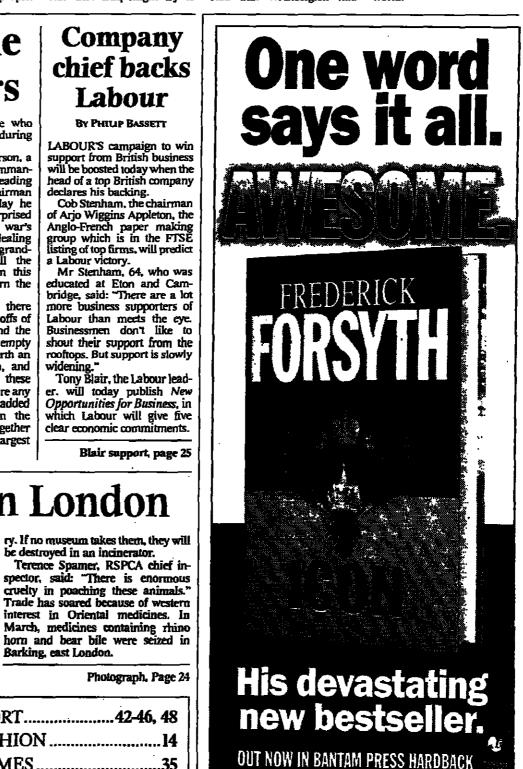
Terence Spamer, RSPCA chief inspector, said: "There is enormous cruelty in poaching these animals.' Trade has soared because of western interest in Oriental medicines. In March, medicines containing rhino horn and bear bile were seized in Barking, east London.

be destroyed in an incinerator.

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Fears grow raids will fan flames of anti-Western sentiment and boost sympathy for Saddam

### Outrage in Arab world puts peace process at risk

By Christopher Walker, middle east correspondent

MUCH of the Arab world reacted with open hostility to vesterday's American missile attacks on Iraq, in stark contrast to the wide support given to US-led efforts to expel Iraqi forces from Kuwait in 1991. The outrage threatens to reopen many of the deep diplomatic wounds caused by the Gulf War.

The US action was bitterly condemned by the 22-member Arab League and denounced by Egypt, one of Washington's main Arab allies in the Gulf War, A Palestinian official said the strikes had enraged Arab public opinion throughout the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Syria, a pillar of the 1991 coalition against Iraq, said: The bombing of targets in lraq constitutes a threat to the unity of Iraq and its regional safety and increases the suffering of the Iraqi people." Da-mascus, a bitter foe of President Saddam Hussein, also claimed that the missile blitz contradicted "the United Nations Charter".

Palestinian sources gave a warning that the official Arab condemnation could lead to an upsurge of terrorist attacks on American and Western targets in the region and elsewhere, since the strike, ordered by President Clinton, was seen as infringing the sovereignty of an Arab country

By nightfall the vulnerable emirate of Kuwait, whose desert borders were stormed by Iraqi forces in August 1990, was the only Arab voice to speak up unreservedly in support of the American action. ed "full understanding" for the attack.

Some of the strongest opposition to the US strike came from Jordan which, according to diplomatic sources, rebuffed an American attempt to base warplanes on its soil to assist in the anti-Saddam op-

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eration. The Jordanian opposition, voiced forcefully on Monday by King Husain to General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, was in contrast to the recent pro-Western stance adopted by the monarch who had publicly abandoned the controversial pro-Iraqi stand he adopted so

disastrously in 1991 Reflecting the pro-Saddam sentiment among ordinary Jordanians, more than 60 per cent of whom are of Palestin-



Husain: told Pentagon that he opposed raid

ian origin. Amman called for restraint to avoid an escalation of violence.

The Cairo-based Arab League, whose effectiveness was severely dented by divisions prompted by the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait was swift to condemn the American action. "It is an infringement of an Arab country's sovereignty ... and an interference in its internal affairs." It added that the missile attacks, by US warships and B52 bombers against air defence and communications targets, contradicted international law. "The use of milimore aggravation and expose the region to instability."

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "Egypt underlines the importance of principles and goals of the UN Charter, which guarantees Iraq's sovereignty, integrity and non-interference in its internal affairs."

During the day there was silence from Saudi Arabia and most Gulf states which cut ties with Iraq over the invasion of Kuwait and played a major role in the allied effort to liberate the emirate. After recent devastating bomb attacks against US military personnel in Saudi Arabia, the troubled Saudi Royal Family is anxious not to do anything to inflame domestic extremist Islamic dissent.

A leading member of the newly formed Palestinian Autonomy Council, Ziad Abu Ziad, voiced the anger of many Palestinians when he told Israel radio that the missile attacks represented "another crime by the US against the Iraqi people". Like many Arabs, he dismissed the attacks as electioneering by Mr Clinton and pointed out that the strikes could have serious consequences for the future of the already enfeebled Middle East peace process.

Western observers in the Arab world said the attack would fan the flames of anti-Western sentiment and boost grassroots' sympathy for Saddam among many ordinary Arabs who hold a sneaking regard for him because of his continued determination to stand up to American military might, five years after his widely proclaimed defeat in the Gulf War.

Mr Abu Ziad argued that Mr Perry spoke at a Pentagon briefing where officials on this occasion the Tragis had refused to give a detailed assessment of the damage been acting within their sovereign territory in Arbil and inflicted by the 27 cruise should not have been subjectmissiles. They did say that the

### PENTAGON\_...

daylight raid was effective and that there was no evidence that any American missiles were shot down, as claimed by President Saddam

The sites attacked were all in the new section of the southern no-fly zone which was expanded yesterday by Britain, France and America from the 32nd to the 33rd parallel to deny Saddam controi of Iraqi air space from the Kuwaiti border to the southern suburbs of Baghdad, the

Mr Perry was asked why America had struck against southern Iraq when the crisis was provoked by Saddam's forces attacking the Kurdish safe haven in northern Iraq.

Saddam

been concerned that Saddam would be emboldened to strike out in the south, in areas which are of greater strategic importance to him as well as to the allies, if his success in the north was

Perry at the Pentagon press briefing yesterday: the United States' goal "is to deter Saddam from being the regional bully"

US reserves right to attack again, says Perry

llowed to go unpunished. Mr Perry spoke of Ameri-ca's vital interests in the region: maintenance of stability, protection of friendly nations and protection of the flow of oil. In other words, the American priority is to safeguard Kuwait and Saudi Arabia from any resurgence of Saddam's expansionist visions. "Our goal is to deter Saddam from being the regional bully and we must ensure he does not upset regional stability with impu-

not simply the Iraqi attack on the Kurdish town of Arbil. but also the "clear and present danger" that Saddam poses to his neighbours, the security of the region and the flow of oil to the world. Mr Perry did not say what

America could do if Saddam continued his offensive in the north. However Tariq Aziz. Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, said during an interview from Baghdad on CNN that operations in the north were of limited duration to help one Kurdish faction, which had felt threatened by Iran's support for a rival faction.

Saddam said that he would ignore the expanded no-fly zone, but Mr Perry said that America would act further if he failed to comply. In the oast allied aircraft have held the upper hand in dog fights

with Iraqi pilots and in destroying anti-aircraft sites. Mr Perry will have meetings today with Michael Portillo, the British Defence Secretary, who will be on a visit to Washington that was arranged before the Iraqi crisis blew up. Britain has emerged as America's strongest supporter for the cruise missile attack, with France reacting coolly and other nations expressing reservations

Fourteen of the cruise missiles were Tomahawks launched from US Navy ships in the Gulf. The other 13 were dropped by B52 bombers that had made the long haul from the American island of Guam in the Pacific. It was the first time air-launched cruise missiles had been used other than

on an exercise.

### Americans urged to 'snow restraint' in Gulf region

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor, and Richard Beeston in moscow

NATO'S Secretary-General gave firm backing to America's attack on Iraq yesterday. but several important members of the alliance made clear their reservations.

France, one of the three countries patrolling the no-fly zones, conspicuously failed to voice support for Washington. Hervé de Charette, the Foreign Minister, said France had been informed but he would not comment further. However, he called on Iraq to withdraw its forces from the Kurdish areas and reiterated France's commitment to Iraq's territorial integrity. A spokesman said that Paris did not believe Saddam had violated United Nations resolutions.

President Clinton telephoned President Chirac on Monday night, and the French leader voiced understanding for Mr Clinton's motives but

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not for such a response. The White House admitted that the conversation was "candid". France is understood to have sent a message directly to Baghdad before the raids. urging withdrawal. Yesterday Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister visiting Paris, said the two countries were in agreement. Syria is one of many Arab countries to have criticised the US action.

In contrast. Germany strongly backed Washington. Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister. said the response was "appropriate and justi-fied". He said the Iraqis had violated the Kurdish safe area and caused much bloodshed. Russia and China con-

demned the airstrikes. Mos-

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cow called them "unacceptable". Using some of the strongest anti-American language since the Cold War, the Kremlin described them as an inadequate and inadmis-

sible response". "Russia insists on ending all military actions in Iraq threatening the sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country," said the statement, which almost certainly had President Yeltsin's approval.

Russian diplomatic sources added that unless Washington showed restraint "the situation could get out of control" and added that "developments in the Gulf region are taking an extremely dangerous turn".

The almost pro-Iraqi re-marks reflect a profound change in Russian foreign policy since Moscow's initial support for the allies in the

tently favoured lifting sanc-tions on Iraq, not least because Baghdad has multi-billion pound debts outstanding to Moscow and Russian companies are poised to finalise lucrative contracts the moment the international embar-

FROM IAN BRODLE

THE United States reserves

the right to take further mili-

tary action against Iraq. Wil-

liam Perry, the US Defence

Secretary, said yesterday. Where, how and against

what targets had yet to be decided, he said, but the main

determining factor would be

the behaviour of the Iraqis in

the coming weeks: "We have

many other options open, but

them or forecast where we

would implement them. We

would hope this move would

would not like to describe

China expressed deep regret over the attacks and the new tensions in the Gulf. Elsewhere in Asia, Japan supported America, while Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim state, regretted the

Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, called the attacks "a justified, measured and proportionate response". However, Spain did not echo the support given by its former Foreign Minister. Abel Matutes, his successor, wished that armed interven-

### condemns 'cowardly' assault

THE following is an unofficial translation of extracts from President Saddam Hussein's speech in reaction to the American attack:

"Once again the humiliated and lowly Americans have come to perpetrate their often-repeated cowardly act by hiding behind technological development God Almighty has turned into an insult on them and the opening for disgrace and shame that is to

"The aggressors have come again with their cowardly and humiliating raid to register for themselves the third cursed comeback along with what they deserve for the debasement of their aggressive weapons. But the raid will be full of sublime meaning for the noble Iraqis and their courageous stand

and great steadfastness. "The date of the attack) will be a glorious day the Iraqi people will write down, in the name of the Almighty, in their chronicle of great honour. For the aggressors it will be a day of cursing in history as well as on the level of the globe following the curse that has befallen them

from God. "It is another of your glorious days, you Iraqis, the eyeball of our eyes. You men of the armed forces, resist them as it is known of you and as God, the great Creator, would like to give a



Saddam on television in Iraq yesterday

place under the sun and as we know of you and is looked upon you from your people, nation and free people in the world. Resist them and teach them a new lesson in the meanings which their humiliating and lowly souls do

not carry. You men of the air defence and falcons of the skies, consider from now their damned imaginary lines north of the 36th parallel and south of the 32nd parallel non-existent. Hit back with capability and efficiency, relying on God the Almighty atl any hostile plane the aggressors fly to violate the airspace of your great coun-try throughout Iraq from now and in future.

"The sons of twin rivers [the Tigris and Euphrates] were on their guard for the aggressors. They shot down a great number of their missiles and God humiliated the aggression and the aggressors." (Reuter)

### Clinton airstrikes receive Rifkind's complete support

By MICHAEL BINYON

BRITAIN voiced unconditional support for the American airstrikes against Iraq yesterday. A dawn statement from Downing Street said that the attack sent an "unequivocal message to Saddam Hussein that repression of innocent civilians and reckless acts of brutality are unacceptable".

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said the extension of the "no-fly" zone and the other actions had been a necessary consequence of the new aggression by President Saddam Hussein. Britain had discussed the strikes with the Clinton Administration over the past two or three days, he told a press conference in Ulan Bator during a visit to

"Any future aggression would inevitably invite a similar response," he said. "We know from the past that the man cannot be trusted." He said that, if the capture of Arbil had been ignored there would have been further aggression against the rest of the Kurdish part of the country. Britain's support has been

more than just verbal. The Government allowed the American B52 bombers to be refuelled on their outward and home journeys by tanker aircraft from the Diego Garcia base in the Indian Ocean. The base, run by American forces. is in a British overseas territory; permission had been requested and freely granted. Officials in London said yesterday the decision to exBRITAIN

tend the no-fly zone in the south of Iraq, rather than the north, was taken because the newly excluded territory would cover a much larger area and included many important military installations, such as airfields, from which Iraq would be able to harass the Kurds.

Britain believes the airstrikes had full legal cover because they were in keeping with United Nations Security Council Resolution 688 which orders Saddam to stop repression of his people. The attack on Arbil was a clear example of repression. Officials brushed aside the hesitations and legal objections of other countries, including France. Someone has to take the lead

to do what is right," one said. London has made no secret of its concern at the presence of Iranian troops in Iraq who. officials say, were trying to thwart American efforts to broker an agreement between rival Kurdish groups. They believe that the KDP's alliance with Saddam is a temporary expedient, basing their view on regular talks with both Kurdish groups, A British official was present at the abortive peace talks between the PUK and KDP in London

last weekend. Britain has also played down the general criticism of the attack in the Arab world. We did not expect much public support, but there is tacit acceptance."

### Queues for gas masks

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

JITTERY Israelis queued at 43 distribution centres throughout the country yesterday for new and replacement gas masks in spite of repeated assurances by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, that the American strike on Iraq would not provoke

renewed Scud attacks. One centre in Jerusalem received ten times more calls than normal about replacing deficient masks, first handed ISRAEL

out in the 1991 Gulf War, when much of the population sheltered in sealed rooms for fear of a chemical warfare attack

that never came. The 39 Scuds fired during the war by Iraq in a vain attempt to drag Israel into the conflict left a deep mental scar on the Jewish people, few of whom have forgotten the subsequent boast by Saddam that one day he would relish sending over the fortieth Scud.

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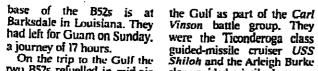
By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

OPERATION Desert Strike was launched at 3.15am yesterday when 27 cruise missiles were fired from US Air Force B52 bombers and two American warships from the northern end of the Gulf.

It was the first time that airlaunched, long-range cruise missiles had been fired in anger. In previous operations against the Iraqis during the 1991 Gulf War and in 1993. and against the Bosnian Serbs last year, the Americans used Tomahawk cruise missiles launched from nuclearpowered submarines and varships.

The aim of Operation Desert Strike was to punish President Saddam Hussein for his offensive against the Kurds in northern Iraq. Air defence and Sam sites in southern Iraq were chosen rather than those in the north or round Baghdad. This was because President Clinton wanted to extend the southern "no-fly" zone from the 32nd parallel to the 33rd parallel to within 30 miles of Baghdad to restrict Saddam's ability to launch combat aircraft from bases south of Baghdad.

Two B52H Stratofortress bombers with a range of 10,000 miles set off from the American base on Guam in the Pacific late on Monday afternoon, each with capacity to carry 20 AGM86C nonnuclear cruise missiles twelve under the wings and eight in the bay. The home



On the trip to the Gulf the two B52s refuelled in mid-air twice, once off the coast of Malaysia and the second time off the west coast of India. The refuelling tankers had taken off from the tiny British-owned atoll of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean where the Americans keep a naval communications centre and base. and a large airstrip built specially for the wide-winged B52 bombers.

Although the island is leased to the Americans.

#### DESERT STRIKE

approval has to be given by the British Government any time Washington wants to use the base for an operation. This had been given.

Once the huge bombers, with a wingspan of 185ft and a maximum speed at high altitude of 595mph, approached the Gulf region, they were escorted by 12 Fl4 and Fl4D fighters from the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, which, as head of a carrier battle group in the Gulf. exercised command and control of Operation Desert Strike.

The cruise missile attack by the two B52s was co-ordinated with a similar missile launch from two warships already in

area between the 32nd and 33rd parallels to underline to Saddam that coalition aircraft

Pacific base between 9pm and 10pm last night.



The older Tomahawk models had a range of about 800 miles but the Block III version has a smaller warhead and can carry more fuel, extending the range by 200 miles. The AGM86C conventional-

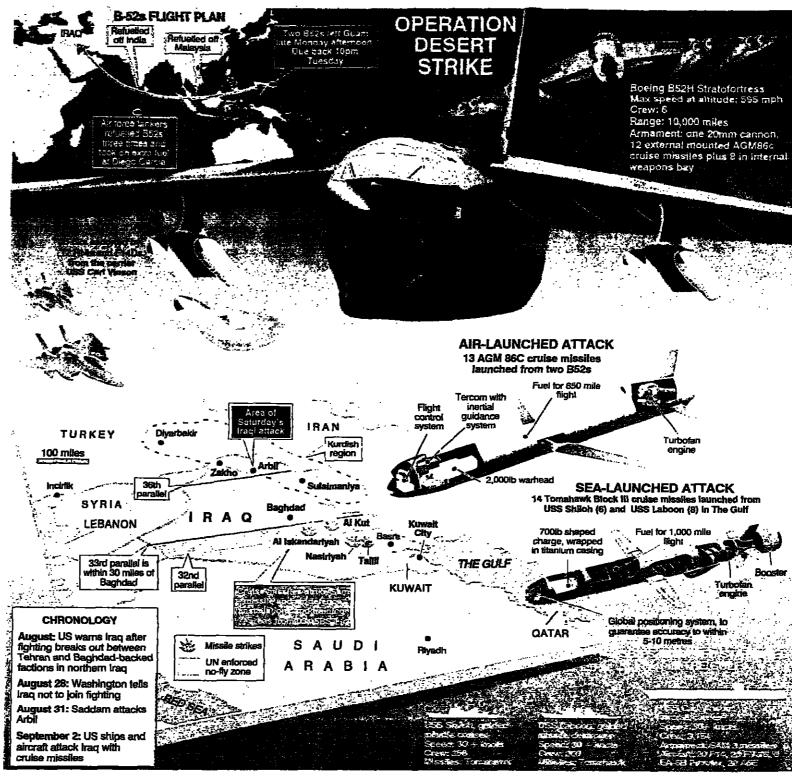
USS Laboon.

' armed cruise missile carried by the B52s was first deployed in 1982. It shares similar design characteristics the nuclear version, the AGM86B. The missile is about 20ft long and has a 2,000lb warhead, with a range of 650 miles. It is guided by a terrain contour-matching guidance

As Operation Desert Strike began, the two B52s fired 13 cruise missiles, USS Laboon fired eight Tomahawks, and USS Shiloh fired six Tomahawks. The operation lasted about 45 minutes. The cruise missile attack

was directed at about 15 targets - all air defence radars, missile sites and command and communication centres at Iraqi bases in the south. All the targets were in the

from America, Britain and France would now be patrolling the skies over that region. Once the cruise missiles had been launched, the two B52s headed back to Guam. refuelling once more in midair off the coast of India, and were due to arrive at the



### Kurds send telegram of thanks for cruise strike

Defect to

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU

THOUSANDS of rejoicing Kurds danced in the streets of their stronghold of Sulaimaniya when news broke of the American cruise missile strikes, and the leader of the Kurdish faction attacked by Iraqi forces at the weekend said he had sent President Clinton a congratulatory telegram. But Jalal

SULAMANTA -

Talabani, the veteran leader of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said the American attacks had so far failed to deter an Iraqi advance on the positions of his rebels, who were driven out from the Kurdish capital of Arbil at the weekend. Forty Iraqi tanks were on the move within half an hour of the

missile strikes, he said, adding that further American airstrikes were expected. "This is just the hors d'oeuvre of the conflict - it was not the main course," Mr Talabani said. "We thank President Clinton for his brave humanitarian action against the Iraqi leadership in the only language [President| Saddam Hussein understands." Washington had supported Iraqi opposition claims that instead of

withdrawing from Arbil Saddam's forces had shown signs of regrouping to advance on the PUK-controlled city of Sulaimaniya, where many of the 700,000 inhabitants had reportedly been planning to flee.

A spokesman for the Westernbacked Iraqi National Congress said: "We would welcome any further action to force Saddam to pull out all his forces from northern Irac

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### Shame over pact with 'butcher'

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ZAKHO

A US Navy aircraft lands on the USS Carl Vinson in

the Gulf after taking part in Operation Desert Strike

THE last allied ground forces in traq from the time of the Gulf War abandoned the northern Kurdish town of Zakho early yesterday, well in advance of the American airstrikes.

"They are afraid of Iraqi retaliation," said Captain Fadil Jameel, who stood guard in front of the fortified but empty buildings that housed the allied Military Co-ordination Centre. It was from here that about 30 British, Turkish, French and American forces were meant to oversee Operation Provide Comfort, the allied operation to protect the Kurds of northern Iraq.

Zakho, near the Turkish border, was once the safest part of the Kurdish safe area created after the Gulf War. The headquarters of the allied group, a series of suburban houses, are now webbed in perimeter wire and surrounded by sandbags and concrete

#### NORTHERN IBAQ ...

that Iraqi government agents might engage in sabotage, the allied withdrawal may indicate that it is not simply President Saddam Hussein who is being punished for the recent onslaught at Arbil, several hours east of Zakho. Captain Jameel and his

decided to withdraw until the Kurds resolve who needs protection from whom. Ordinary Kurds in Zakho, a

KDP stronghold, are clearly embarrassed by their new alliance with the Kurds' for-

mer "butcher".
"We feel shame", said Abdul
Aziz Rajab, a local headmaster. But he said the KDP's decision to join Saddam was justified by the incursion into

6 Everyone knows that Saddam is a criminal, but maybe he has an excuse this time ?

guards all wear the red beret and distinctive gold eagle pin denoting the peshmerga militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP). It was the decision of Massoud Barzani. the KDP's leader, to strike a bargain with Suddam to drive a rival Kurdish faction from Arbil which precipitated the crisis. The allies may have northern Iraq by Iranian troops supporting the Patriotic

Union of Kurdistan of Jalal

Talabani. "Our neighbours treat us like animals," Mr Rajab said. He questioned why the US did nothing to deter the Iranian incursion at the end of July. Rasheed Mohammed, the Mayor of Zakho, said that yesterday's retribution by the US may have been misguided. Everyone knows Saddam is a criminal, but maybe he has an excuse this time." That excuse was defending Iraqi territory against Iran, he added. Mr Mohammed said the

Kurds did not entertain the idea of an independent state. but wanted a home of their own in an Iraqi federation. Such temperate language

reflects weariness here with five years of administrative limbo - of being neither independent nor part of a sovereign Iraq. Shortages are common, electricity scarce. A municipal bus makes its rounds with a picture of Mr Barzani pasted to what remains of its windscreen. The KDP mounts a passport control at the border but some of

the guards wear plastic shoes.

Many KDP supporters
stare with some regret at the empty buildings in Zakho used by the allies. Everyone hopes they will return. They brought us confidence," Mr

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### Save the Children couple will stay

By STEPHEN FARRELL

SAVE The Children ignored last night Foreign Office advice to order its two British aid workers out of northern Iraq. The pair, among 30 British citizens

said by the Foreign Office to be working with relief agencies in the region, run agricultural and economic support projects. The charity said they would stay with 200 local workers, but added: "We are taking the advice of the Foreign Office seriously and keeping the situation under review, with the safety of our staff as the paramount consideration."

Henry Vagg, of the relief organisation 4RS, also plans to stay. Mr Vagg. 45, told his wife of his plans via a United Nations satellite telephone in Sulaimaniya, 100 miles southeast of Arbil, yesterday. He is reluctant to leave the agency's Kurdish workers, who face torture and death, if captured by the Iraqi Army, for working with Western agencies.

When I spoke to Henry he did not seem unduly perturbed. He thought that if he withdrew to a rural area he would be OK." said Kate Vagg, 40, from Croydon, southeast London.

"I am very concerned about him, but we have three children so I do not want to worry them. Henry has worked there a long time because he used to be with Oxfam and I have visited the area, but the situation is much worse than we have seen it before. He is very aware of the fact that the local staff are in more jeopardy



and, sadly, they do not have the opportunity to leave. He would not like to leave them unless he really had to."

The agency's three other British workers, Graham Kent. 26, Zach Chaudry. 25, and Salim Hasham, 26, all from London, were already on their way to relative safety at the time the situation worsened. Last night they were in Dahuk, 70 miles



Vagg: remaining with Kurdish staff

north of Arbil, near the Turkish-Syrian

border, a 4RS spokeswoman said. Mr Kent, a barrister, and Mr Chaudry, an accountant, were due to leave the country after spending several months among the Kurds working for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at a refugee camp in Dahuk. Mr Hasham, based in Sulaimaniya, went to the border with them for extra security and will not return. They are expected to cross the border on Friday.

Other agencies were making plans to withdraw, or said they no longer had staff in danger zones. The Mines Advisory Group, which has seven explosives experts training 200 local people in mine identification and clearance, said it will withdraw its six British men and one Australian woman within 48 hours. Initially they had planned to stay in Sulaimaniya, southeast of Arbil, but the

situation was ruled too volatile. There is no panic, but we were advised to leave the country, so we added the advice we were getting to the information that we were getting from the field. We were aware that the situation was becoming too volatile to be out there," Roger Briottet, a Mines

Advisory Group director, said. Kurdish Life Aid withdrew its last British worker in late July and World in Need's three male British workers, two from Northern Ireland and one from Portsmouth, told the British Embassy they had moved from Arbil to Dahuk.



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### Customs 'found porn videos in diplomat's box'

A SENIOR British diplomat was caught smuggling obscene videotapes depicting the tragic and humiliating abuse of children as he moved from his embassy job in Japan to a new posting in Spain, it was alleged yesterday.

Customs and Excise officers discovered 109 obscene videos. 70 of which contained scenes of "paedophiliac depravity", when a container of Robert Coghlan's personal posses-sions was searched in Britain before its final move to Madrid, Southwark Crown Court

Mr Coghlan, 54, a father of two and a gifted linguist with 30 years' service in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, denies illegally importing obscene material into Britain under the Customs and Excise Management Act, 1979. The charge alleges that on or about March 12 he was knowingly concerned in a fraudulent evasion of the prohibition on importation of a quantity of indecent or obscene material".

He is a first secretary who has served at British embassies in the former Yugoslavia, Switzerland, Cuba and Brazil. In February last year he was responsible for escorting Diana, Princess of Wales on her visit to Japan.

Nigel Lithman, for the prosecution, said the Crown's case was that Mr Coghlan had tried to conceal the presence of his illegal collection at a time when he knew his belongings were being sent via Britain. The barrister said he understood the defence case was that the diplomat, who had openly admitted knowing the material to be obscene, believed that it would be despatched direct-

ly to Madrid. Mr Lithman said: "He has



Coghlan: posted from

officers, conducting a routine search, discovered the video tapes with "magazines of a homosexual nature". Mr Lithman told the jury of Mr Coghlan's subsequent interviews with Customs officers. "He said he didn't want the goods to come into this counsomething of a flair for laniry. He wanted them to go guages, speaking French, German, Portuguese, Serbodirectly to his new posting. "He knew that the tapes could be described as homo-

time his container of personal possessions had arrived via

Southampton to go into stor-

age at a depot in Essex, Mr

Coghlan had signed a Cus-

toms and Excise form saying that he had no prohibited

He was arrested on March

26 this year after Customs

goods to declare.

Croat. Spanish and a working knowledge of Japanese." It was his knowledge of Japanese that meant Mr Coghlan. sexual pornography. He said he bought many of the tapes in Japan. He said he was not who is divorced, could not fail interested in watching young kids although he had recogto understand labels that made clear that the films were nised that children he had of an obscene nature. seen were aged 12 or 13 and The jury of seven men and that he thought them rather young. The trial continues. five women was shown an hour of edited tapes. Many contained scenes of children indulging in obscene acts either with adults or other

children. Mr Lithman described the contents as "tragic and humiliating abuse of children". In August last year, Mr Coghlan learnt that he was to leave the British Embassy in Tokyo, where he was first secretary in the information department. Mr Lithman said that, initially, he believed that he would be returning to

a posting at the British Embassy in Madrid. As his goods were being packed by a shipping agency in Yokohama he went on a tour of the Far East and Australia that included two trips to Bangkok. He then returned to London. By the

Britain, but he was later given

### Boy hit by father is denied court glory

By Lin Jenkins

A BOY who demanded a written apology from his father over a smack was yesterday denied a chance to bask in the glory" of seeing him put on trial.

The Crown Prosecution Service agreed not to proceed with an assault charge against the father, a 43-year-old teacher, after a doctor said that the case would be an unmitigated disaster for the family. Magistrates at Stafford bound him over for a year in the sum of £50. The teacher had been charged with assault after his son complained to nolice.

Martin Lewis, for the prosecution, said the father had smacked his son around the head at the family home. The blow had left a red mark. At an earlier hearing magistrates had been told that the boy had offered to withdraw his complaint if he received a written

apology from his father. Daniel Lupton, for the teacher, said: He was simply administering lawful and reasonable chastisement." The incident had been referred to a number of doctors, one of whom said the boy was "a I2year-old who will bask in the glory of his accusations" and that it would be an unmitigated disaster for the family. Mr Lupton said that in an effort to reunite the family the father

was willing to be bound over. Magistrates ordered that the boy's identity should not be disclosed.

### **Teenage** railman reaches end of line

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who pretended to be a railman and drove passengers at up to 100mph said yesterday: "I would like to be a train driver but I don't suppose that is possible now." Nicholas Gray, 18, of

Cliftonville, Kent, had just been given community service and put on probation by Thanet magistates after admitting obtaining free journeys by posing as an employee stealing a driver's bag, entering a driver's cabin, driving a train and stealing safety equipment.

An earlier hearing had been told that he kept a train driver's outfit after two weeks' work experience at London Bridge and Herne Hill stations. For months he sold tickets, acted as a platform attendant and a cleaner, and gained access to drivers' cabs by pretending to be a trainee. He took the controls when they went to the lavatory.

He was found out when an inspector questioned him about a minor fire on a train at put him on probation for two years, ordered him to do 100 hours community service and to pay £80 costs.

À South Eastern Train Operating Company spokesman said: "We have stringent security measures in place but something must have gone wrong in this case. We have an internal in-

### Thrifty vicar's will leaves locals bitter

By A STAFF REPORTER

A THRIFTY vicar who did not buy a single round in three years at his local pub has stunned fellow drinkers by leaving more than £1 million in his will. One of the Rev Dennis Bennett's few luxuries had been his nightly two balves of best bitter in the his local pub near Bristol.

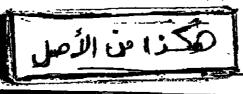
Locais would watch Mr Bennett, 83. pay with coppers out of his purse. But yesterday they were surprised to learn that the eleric was a

millionaire. Ken Taylor, the landlord, said: "I'm amazed. People would buy drinks for him but in the three years I've had the pub he never once bought one for anyone else. If I had had any idea he had a million I would have charged him more for his beer."

Mr Bennett lived a quiet life with his sister, Joyce. in a modest house in Wrington, near Bristol, close to the village of Redhill, where he was vicar of Christ Church. The former naval chaplain retired in 1978 but remained

a familiar local figure. Mr Bennett, who inherited his wealth from his father, left an estate worth £1.026,005, most of which went to his sister.

The Rev Noel Hector, a local dergyman, said: "It is a surprise that he was wealthy because he was a very humble





Primrose back home with Sacha Hinds after his ordeal in a budgie cage

### Stolen cockatoo goes free while jailer gets bird

By BILL FROST

PRIMROSE the garrulous Judge Barrington Black said cockatoo lost his good humour and neglected his plumage after being snatched by a kidnapper who rechristened him Billy and treated him as a mere budgerigar. But the traumatised bird never forgot his real name or his real

Yesterday a court was told that the man caught with the cockatoo was given away when his captive told police that he was Primrose and not Billy. Clive McLoud insisted that the bird, worth more than £1,000, had been given to him by his sister before she emigrated. But when suspicious officers introduced the bird to Sacha Hinds, his real owner, he instantly squawked: "Hel-to, I'm Primrose."

McLoud, 40, a decorator from northwest London, was jailed for 15 months after being found guilty of han-dling the stolen bird. He claimed he had owned the male lesser sulphur-crested cockatoo for nine months. Sentencing him at Harrow Crown Court yesterday,

Primrose had been a popular attraction at Miss Hinds's shop, Pets Are Us, in Ealing, west London. It only said 'hello' when Miss Hinds hello' when MISS rtinus bought it. She taught the bird to say 'Primrose'. That only takes a minute Sacha'. What are you going? and 'Where are you going? " the judge said. "It was known to many people and performed many

Primrose had been neglected during the three-and-a-half weeks after he vanished from his perch in the shop and his discovery in a small budgie cage in McLoud's home, the judge said. "It was depressed. its eyes were closed. It looked dehydrated ... it was obvious you had no idea how to look after it." he told McLoud.

After the hearing Miss Hinds, 28, said: "Primrose has made a good recovery. He was ravenous when he came back, and really tired. He had lost a lot of weight. The most upsetting thing is being in a budgie cage. He is always out





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parents paid "the highest price" for a few moments'

inattention, they said yester-

day. They were speaking for

the first time since their children's drowned bodies were

Kevin Loughlin said that he

and Lynette Thornton, his

partner, had taken their eyes

off Tom, 4, and Jodi, 6, for a

few minutes soon after they

arrived at the beach at Holme

next the Sea, Norfolk, "We

paid the highest price. We lost

them both. With the best will

in the world I don't think there

is a parent in the country who

their eye on their children at

every moment. We have al-

ways been very careful to look

after them as best we possibly

could. We have never lost

them before. I think it was a

Mr Loughlin and Ms Thornton, both 37, remained

composed as they spoke of

their two-week ordeal before

returning to their home in Norwood, south London, for

the first time since the tragedy.

They said that what had

happened to them was like the

"opposite end of winning the

The children disappeared

chance in a million."

recovered at the weekend.

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### 'We paid the highest price. We lost them both'

Parents of Tom and Jodi TOM and Jodi Loughlin's

### recall fatal trip to beach

from Holme Beach, near Hunstanton, on Sunday, August 18. Jodi's body was found on Friday morning and Tom's on Sunday evening. Both were washed up about 30 miles along the coast, near to the seaside villages of Weybourne and Sheringham.

Mr Loughlin said there was some tiny consolation in the can honestly say that they kept fact that their bodies had been found and that the uncertainty

> "At least we know what happened and we have got both of them. They were very close. They played together all the time. At least they have died together. They have not suffered and we can give them a decent burial." He said the worst part had

what had happened to them. They had remained optimistic that the children were alive until Jodi's body was found. The children had been out of their sight for no more than

been the wait and not knowing

Kevin Loughlin: worst part had been the wait

got into trouble almost immediately after running into the sea. Ms Thornton said: "We still find it incredible to believe that they have drowned. It is very difficult to understand."

Mr Loughlin said that at first they could not rationally see how the children could have drowned in such an apparently calm sea. They , had since discovered the tide

high when the children vanished and that there were

Ms Thornton said the sea had appeared so shallow and calm when they arrived on the beach. "It was just so deceptive. We were duped by it." Ms Thornton said they were

strong currents offshore.

making plans to return home and to arrange the children's funeral. Mr Loughlin said: "I think our immediate plans are just getting back and trying to get back to lead some sort of normal life - whatever normal is now. I am not sure what

it is now."

He said they had gone through every detail of their fateful trip. "Sometimes we felt desperate. We have gone through it endlessly. What more can I say? We have been through it more than once with the police." They took some consolation from the fact that Jodi and Tom's last few minutes of life had been spent joyously on holiday on the beach. "It does help a little because they were having fun. They were happy. Both were happy to be on the beach. And at least they will not have suffered."

He warned parents not to let children out of their sight on beaches for even a few moments. "I think particularly be aware of the dangers on beaches. If you compare it to going to a swimming pool, there is always someone around there. On beaches there may not be, and the worst can happen.

The couple said that Tom should have been starting his first day of school tomorrow. Jodi should also have been returning to school. Ms Thornton said: We hadn't actually bought all the things Tom needed for school yet. We thought there would be time after the holiday."

Staff from the childrens' school - Rock Mount Infants in Norwood - where Mr Loughlin is a member of the Parent-Teacher Association. had been in touch with them. They said they had been inundated with cards, flowers and goodwill messages from people in Norfolk and throughout Britain. They also thanked the police for the support and help they had given since the search began.



Jodi and Tom: "They played together all the time"

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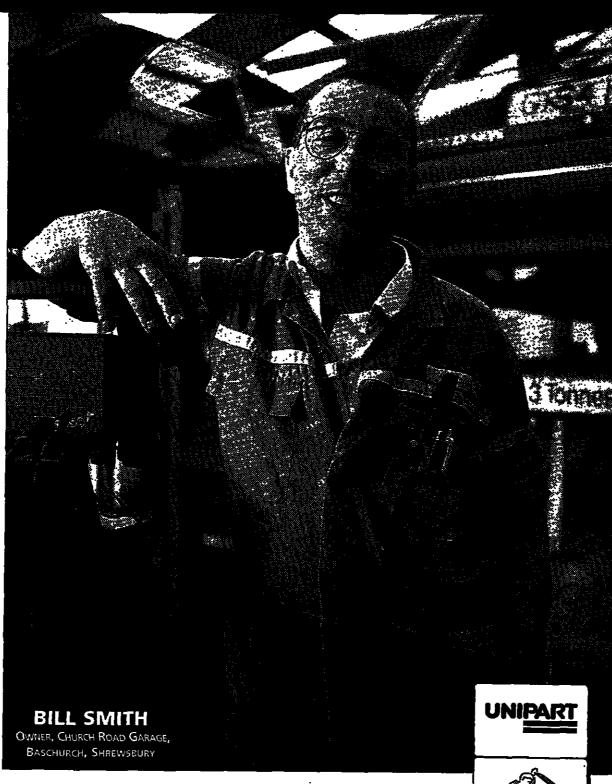
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### Family to donate victim's organs

By KATE ALDERSON

THE parents of a university student who died after trying to help a distressed woman said their son's death would not be in vain and that his organs would be donated for transplant in accordance with

Andrew Poynton, 22, a history and English literature undergraduate, died after being struck on the head in Manchester city centre on Saturday morning. He cracked his skull as he fell and

failed to regain consciousness. Mr Poynton, who died in Manchester Royal Infirmary on Monday night from severe head injuries, was attacked as he returned from a party with Susan Gilbert, his girlfriend. He was confronted by a youth and hit around the head after trying to help a weeping

woman he saw in a side street. Ros and Gordon Poynton, nis parents, from Heald Green, Stockport, yesterday issued a statement thanking hospital staff and police. "Andrew's death will not be in vain. We have acted on Andrew's wishes to donate his organs so that others will benefit from this tragedy,"

Mr Poynton's older sister, Debbie Schofield, 30, described him as a very special person. "Andy was the best of us all," she said. "He was kind, sensitive, loving and generous and a wonderful

friend to everyone. She said her brother, who was due to return to Staffordshire University this month for his final year, had always championed the rights of the underdog: "Even at junior school he was often commended for stopping people from bullying others." She said she bore no malice towards the woman who Andrew tried to help nor his attacker, both of whom walked away as her

brother lay unconscious. Police are appealing for the man and the distresed woman who appeared to be with him to come forward.

### **Editor quits** and jobs go in Express shake-up

BY CAROL MIDGLEY

SUE Douglas, the editor of the Sunday Express, resigned yesterday as it was announced that 85 journalists would lose their jobs in a merger between the paper and its sister title, the Daily Express.

Ms Douglas, 37, who was recently accused of discarding staff like toffee wrappers during a cost-cutting exercise at Express Newspapers, left the Blackfriars headquarters soon after arriving for work yesterday morning. She was said to feel betrayed by a management who hired her only nine months ago. Ms Douglas had been recalled from her holiday

in Scotland to hear the news. Yesterday's merger was seen as a desperate attempt to cut costs and halt nose-diving circulation by the paper's owner, Lord Hollick, the Labour peer. The once mighty Daily Express. which employs about 250 staff, had sales of 3.6 million in 1970. The figure is now 1.2 million. Sales of the Sunday Express, which has about 130 staff, have also

fallen, from 4.2 to 1.2 million. Stephen Grabiner, chief executive of United Newspapers. said that under the new structure Ms Douglas's job no longer existed. Staff will be streamlined into a single editorial team contributing to both titles and answering to Richard Addis, editor of the Daily Express. His deputy editor Ian Monk will be his number two.



Douglas: left yesterday

### Planners compete to . rebuild bombed city

By Marcus Binney

THE multimillion-pound rebuilding of centrai Manchester after the IRA bombing will take a major step forward today with the announcement of five national and international teams shortlisted to replan the area.

The teams, consisting of architects, urban planners and transport experts, will have a wide brief to suggest ways of bringing life to the city centre and be asked to present a strategy for the next century covering traffic, public transport, new housing as well as premises for 670 businesses.

Owen Luder, president of RIBA, who is a member of the judging panel, said: "I see the opportunity to create a number of very exciting new buildings. Part of the intention is to encourage fresh thinking on the Arndaie Centre which forms a huge block of blank walls and unsightly car parking. "There

are hardly any trees in the centre and very few open spaces. Traffic is a prime issue. It could be excluded. partially or completely, which could render the centre rather

dead at night." The 3.300lb bomb which exploded in the Amdale on June 15 devastated 49,000 square metres of retail space and 57,000 square metres of office space. The competition winner will be announced on November I.





### Catholics face up to 'disbelief' over child sex abuse

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

THE Roman Catholic Church mined by a spate of child sex Penney, just over three years must move from its "culture of disbelief", which has hindered its approach to victims of child sex abuse, to one of openness and honesty, a Church report said yesterday.

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cluding several involving priests and official church workers, the report says there are still many in the Church who are not fully aware of the "profound and frightening" effects of child sex abuse. The report, by a working party set up by the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, insists that the mistaken attitudes of the past, such as secrecy and a refusal to listen, must not prevail.

The report is a significant development in a Church that has been accused of sweeping the issue of child sex abuse under the carpet. Too often bishops have been suspected of simply moving a priest suspected of child sex abuse to another parish. In America and Canada in particular the Catholic Church's credibility

paedophiles would be in-

formed by police when an offender is freed from jail

under proposals outlined by

Judges would also be given

the power to impose an exclusion zone around the child's

home in an attempt to stop an

offender from trying to contact

Jack Straw, the Shadow

Home Secretary, is in addition

backing plans to put convicted

child molesters on supervision

for ten years after they are freed from prison. The three

or pester the youngster.

Labour yesterday.

abuse cases,

The working party, which included priests, bishops, doctors and psychologists, met over two years. Their report is the Catholic Church's first Set up in the wake of many child sex abuse scandals, inpolicy to help victims of child sex abuse to recover. It is published amid the grim revelations concerning Marc Dutroux in Belgium and

> not be tolerated. The Church is urged to be available to help all victims of child sex abuse and the report says that there can be no doubt that "when a publicly pro-fessed minister of the Church is involved in scandalous activity, the shock is more

makes it clear that child sex

abuse within the Church can

profound". The working party was chaired by the Right Rev Terence Brain, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, an archdiocese still recovering from shock among churchgoers at two highly publicised cases of child sex abuse, one of which resulted in the conviction of a

told if paedophiles are freed'

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT PARENTS of victims of new measures form part of a alleged scale of child sex

package aimed at providing

additional protection to child-ren from paedophiles.

Mr Straw said: "It is every

parent's nightmare that their

child should become prey to a

paedophile ... We have been

acutely concious that this is an

area where there may be a

conflict between the needs of

children and the civil liberties

of suspected abusers. In our

judgment where there is a

serious risk to children their

The proposals are in re-

sponse to concern at the

needs must prevail."

ago. In his preface, Bishop Brain describes child sex abuse as "an evil which has deep-rooted effects on those who suffer it".

Launching the report in Birmingham at the National Conference of Priests, an annual meeting of about 80 Catholic priests from dioceses nationwide, Bishop Brain said it was not easy for the Church to help those who had suffered from abuse by a priest. Referring to a visit to one family, he said: "I got absolutely carved up and spat out in pieces by the mother. I didn't go back again for three months. I couldn't find the courage."

He said Church representatives should be prepared simply to go in and listen.
"Sometimes we have to face
our humanity and it may not
be a pretty sight." Father Jim O'Keefe, secretary of the Church's social welfare comculture of silence and disbelief in the nation as a whole. People did not, we did not, fully understand the implica-

abuse. The National Criminal

Intelligence Service has a list of about 4,500 suspected

paedophiles and the Police

Superintendents' Association

estimates that there are about

200 paedophile rings in England and Wales, each contain-

Labour is to support the

Government's plan to create a

national register of convicted

paedophiles. The measure is

expected to form part of a

Criminal Justice Bill, which

will be introduced in the next

ing at least five people.



Man in the middle: Carlsberg-Tetley's Thickhead flanked by an array of drinks aimed at the under-30s market. The label breaks guidelines

### Thickhead gives brewers a headache

By Russell Jenkins

A FIZZY, tangerine-flavoured alco-holic gel named Thickhead broke the brewing industry's guidelines at its official launch yesterday, its label is not sufficiently aimed at adults. Parents of victims 'should be

Amid concern that a growing number of "fun" drinks are encouraging teenage drinking, the indus-try's watchdog told the makers, Carlsberg-Tetley, that an aggressive-looking male on the bottle label looked too young and that the alcoholic content—as fierce as strong lager—needed highlighting.

The brewery admitted its mistake and said the labels would be changed

by the end of the month. The drink goes on sale next week in its current format, at £2 a bottle. It is the latest alcoholic carbonate in a fast-growing market, dominated by Hooch and Two Dogs, worth £250 million a year. Leading brands sell 25 million bot-

ties and cans each week. The watchdog Portman Group was organised by leading brewers to police alcoholic carbonates and mon-itor alcohol abuse. It complained that Carlsberg-Tetley, which also makes Lemonhead and Orangehead, waited until the end of last week to tell them about the product launch. The com-

pany had been guilty of a "serious midjudgment", said Jean Coussins, the watchdog's director.

"Although we think it is good news that they are committed to changing the label, it is bad news that they did not consult with us at an earlier stage. If they want the Code of Practice to retain its credibility, so that selfregulation will work, they have got to sharpen up their act and get things

right first time."

The word "alcohol" was written alongside the product name, when it should be underneath. Ms Coussins added: "The label includes a photograph of a young man whom the company say is 30 years old. We think he could be taken as much younger than that. We believe this is exaggerated by a facial expression, one of mock aggression, which is childish rather than adult. Taken together we could anticipate receiving complaints under the Code of Practice, and upholding those complaints."

The code, which specifically prohibits targeting under age drinkers, was written earlier this year. Carlsberg-Tetley claim the drink has been misrepresented by the media as the alcoholic equivalent of a sherbet dab.



Wright at the launch: claimed man on the label was aged 30

Critics say it has the consistency of shampoo, with an alcohol content of 4.9 per cent. The brewery says it is a "bizarre drinking experience" marketed for the enjoyment of 18 to 30-year-olds as an "alcoholic explosion

Tom Wright, the brewery's re-search and development director, claimed research showed that fruit drinks had now replaced tea as the nation's favourite drink: "You can't argue with the fact that palates in the 18 to 35s are changing and we are responding to that. We support the Portman Group 100 per cent and after consultation with them we decided to make the change. The man in the picture is actually 30 years' old.

These are relatively small changes."

The marketing phenomenon of "alco-pops" has provoked serious alarm that youngsters are being accustomed to alcohol too young. In January the Advertising Standards Authority ruled that Hooper's Hooch should drop a cartoon character from its logo after complaints.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour consumer affairs spokesman, called on Carlsberg-Tetley to withdraw its stocks from sale until the product complied with the code. He also wants an independent inquiry into the marketing of "alcopops".

Mark Bennett, of Alcohol Concern,

said: "Products like this, which are more clearly based on childish culture, are going to appeal to children. It should be withdrawn."





## Parents to be involved in testing five-year-olds

PARENTS are to be questioned by teachers about their children's abilities before they start school. Under government plans to test all five-year-olds, from 1998 children in their first term will be assessed in reading, writing and arithmetic, with details about their social and physical development being provided by parents.

There are no plans for league tables based on grades but the information will be used to plan and chart their progress, Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said yesterday. She emphasised that infants would not face formal but would be assessed by teachers, in close cooperation with parents, during their first term. National curricu-

Gillian Shephard believes that the compulsory assessment of infants will help schools to plan and chart their progress, David Charter writes

lum tests and league tables for older children have been criticised for not showing the "value added" to pupils, a charge likely to be intensified when test results for II-year-olds are published for the first time in March. An eventual solution could be to use the five-year-olds' results to chart progress through the later tests.

Mrs Shephard said: "At the moment we do not plan at all that this should form part of performance tables. What is important is

that schools should have as much information as possible about the ability and achievement of children they take in, so that later on, when children take national tests, some judgment can be made about what schools have achieved."

Parents would get a clear picture of their child's strengths and weaknesses to help to plan extra learning at home. The sample of 10,000 pupils would show school and parents how children compared to their peers. The Government is

clearly hoping the tests will encourage much greater participation by parents in their children's education. Sir Ron Dearing, the Government's chief curriculum adviser, said parents would be sent questionnaires on their children's ability before they started school. They would ask for evidence of the children's ability to recognise letters, count up to ten and show manual dexierity, for example by tying shoelaces. They might have to draw a picture, showing they recognised the difference between a man and a woman.

Sir Ron added: "We believe particular emphasis should be placed on the need for baseline assessment to involve parents actively, in the process, both as

recipients of the informartion and also in the assessments themselves. In the longer term, we believe the introduction of baseline assessment on a national scale provides an unparalleled opportunity to mount a campaign to involve parents more closely in their children's education. The benefits of this would be substantial in terms of a society more committed to

Three schemes will be piloted this term by 360 schools, recording varying degrees of information about children. One gives marks out of ten for basic literacy and numeracy skills; another asks teachers to grade children from A to C according to set targets for language, mathematical, physical

recipients of the informartion and also in the assessments themselves. In the longer term, we believe the introduction of baseline assess-

About half of local authorities already carry out some formal assessment of new pupils but the Government is aiming for a national framework by 1998. All schools will be asked to volunteer for one assessment from next September, a year before a national scheme becomes compulsory.

Mrs Shephard said results from an annual sample of 10,000 children would allow the establishment of a national mean performance so that schools could gauge their own standards.

Teaching unions said they would oppose an increase in their work-

load because of the assessments. Doug McAvoy, general secretary the National Union of Teachers, said he welcomed the introduction of baseline assessment as it would allow local education authorities and schools to develop their own accredited schemes. "But the Government must not change its mind and introduce tests after the end of the consultation. I do not want to see such assessments become unmanageable and produce excessive workload because of government

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requirements."

The Professional Association of Teachers said the publication of results would amount to socially divisive "league tables of parents".

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### Pupils will be graded for ability in three Rs

CHILDREN will be graded for their abilities in reading, writing and arithmetic in all three of the proposed schemes for testing five-year-olds. The most basic scheme, modelled on one developed by the Conservative London borough of Wandsworth, awards marks out of ten for both English and mathematics.

Teachers will record whether or not children meet five criteria in both reading and writing. Those include:
☐ Recognising at least 15 letters by shape and sound when they are randomly presented on paper.

☐ Matching spoken to written words in a familiar passage. For example, the teacher may ask them to point to the word "teddy" in the book and ask the child: "What does this word say?"

☐ Reading familiar words in

☐ Reading familiar words in different contexts, for example, recognising their own name in a story, or words around the classroom such as "boys", "girls", "teacher".
☐ Reading simple passages

not from memory.

☐ Writing his or her name with upper and lower-case letters

☐ Hearing sounds and writing letters in sequence, for example, in more complex words like "garden" is able to write "grdn" or "gdn". ☐ Attempting to write simple sentences such as "Bob is under the tree". ☐ Trying to spell unfamiliar

vords. The ten criteria in mathe-

matics include:

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Ordering objects by size. for example, arranging an apple, a bag and a shoe according to weight, height, width, length and volume.

I dentifying position in sequences. For example, which children in a queue or cars in a traffic jam are third, fifth.

etc?

□ Counting out sets of ten
objects, and recognising the
numerals 0 to 9.

□ Adding and subtracting,

using objects such as books.
One of the two more detailed assessments being piloted, based on a scheme being run by Labour-controlled Birmingham City Council, asks the teacher to place the child in categories of A, B or C depending on how best they match descriptions



Dearing: wants parents more closely involved

of achievement, where B would be average achievement at that age. The areas covered include personal and social development, knowledge and understanding of the world, and both physical and creative development, as well as mathematics and language skills.

An A grade in mathematics would be awarded for counting up to ten and adding, subtracting and solving problems with ten objects. B grade would be for recognising the numbers one to ten and "showing awareness" of skills such as adding and subtracting. C grade would be given if the child recognises some numbers and is beginning to count everyday objects.

In language, an A would be given for recognising familiar words in passages and saying what he or she likes about stories, a B for knowing print is read from left to right and top to bottom and recognising their own name, and a C for beginning to understand meaning in books and talking about the pictures.

In physical development, A would be for planning and linking simple skills, with and without apparatus, to form short sequences of movement. B is for using a range of gym equipment and climbing apparatus with increasing skill, and C for starting to explore the use of small and large equipment, sometimes able to control physical movements.



Children at Priors Marston school, which has been saved from closure

## Fortitude of five generations saves village school

By Michael Horsnell

THE inaugural class of 1846 would have been proud of their fifth-generation successors yesterday when the village school at Priors Marston. Warwickshire, opened for the new term.

The bell rang for 14 pupils aged between four and eight at the end of a successful £40.000 campaign by parents and local businesses to keep the school one?

the school open.

The education authority announced last year that it would have to close the Church of England school but villagers opposed plans to send their children to a new one two miles away. Founded 150 years ago. Priors Marston was closed with 13 other rural schools at the end of last month as a result of county council reorganisation.

council reorganisation.

Parents. some of whose families had attended for five generations, fought the decision and, with the approval of the Church authorities, set about raising funds to keep it open. It now has charitble status as a non fee-paying independent institution. Money raised by donations is only enough to keep the school open for one year but David Adams, chairman of the school appeal fund, believes the village will ensure its future is safe

Mr Adams said: "Everyone has worked very, very hard to make today possible and we

THE inaugural class of 1846 are all delighted. But we would have been proud of realise this is just the

beginning."

He added: "We now already have people who have pledged donations for four years but we still need more."

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Brenda Edwards, the newly appointed head teacher, said she had been overwhelmed by the generosity of local people. "It is a lovely atmosphere here and 1 am privileged to be a part of it." she said. "Today is the result of a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated people."

Mary Forsyth, a pensioner and former pupil who has lived in Priors Marston all her life, said she was delighted that her grand-daughter would be able to attend the school. "I am absolutely thrilled," she said, "It would have been a tragedy if the school had closed."

school had closed."

Ann-Marie Brown. whose five-year-old daughter Amy is a pupil, said: "I first came to live in the village when I was eight. Amy's grandfather was a pupil at the school. Some families have connections going back generations."

Peter Thompson. central area schools officer for War-wickshire, said: "We had a look at the demand and supply of places in the community and reached the view that it would be more sensible that the two villages should have a bigger school. We wish the school well."

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### Lost romance of 'hop picker's wrist'

HOP-PICKING machines have robbed the hopfields of most of their romance and but for mechanisation there would have been a great exodus from the East End of London today to the hopfields of Kent.

The hop pickers — mainly women, children and the elderly, for able-bodied men went down only at weekends — lived in ramshackle camps attached to the farms until the picking was over. The absence of good order and military discipline in the way the huts were run would have given a sergeant-major apoplexy.

sergeant-major apoplexy.
The poor housing, limited sanitation and plumbing together with the primitive cooking facilities inevitably produced medical casualties. To ease the strain on the local health services, medical students, carefully supervised, ran makeshift surgeries. For students who did not come from a medical background the hopfields were often their first experience of general practice and family medicine. As well as treating coughs and colds, chest infections and turnmy upsets, the students dealt with minor injuries and in a good summer numerous cases of sunburn.

Hop pickers had a few particular diseases special to their occupation. They were liable to develop a repetitive strain injury, worse than anything seen in a modern office,

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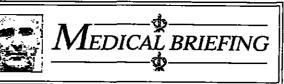
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"hop picker's wrist" but referred to very inaccurately by
the Eastenders as hopper's
gout. Attacks of acute gout
were common but followed the
Saturday night parties given
to celebrate the visit of the
men. It was the stripping
action performed by the wrist
as hop leaves were separated
from stalks that induced a
tenosynovitis of the tendons at
the back of the wrist which
every time they were moved
creaked like old leather. The
wrist and forearm became
inflamed and swollen and hop

which was officially known as

picking had to be abandoned. Hops, too, caused skin sensitisation. Many of the pickers developed an allergy to the irritant effect of the chemicals in hops. In people vulnerable to the hops the skin of the hands initially became red and scaly and later blistered before becoming ulcerated. If the pickers who had hop allergy scratched their faces the juice of the hop leaves caused contact dermatitis on

their faces and their eyes became weepy and swollen. Men with hop allergy could suffer an even worse fate if

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they did not wash their hands before going to the lavatory; the resulting contact dermatitis could give rise to a painful and embarrassing inflammation technically known as

develop a disabling wheeze.

The most interesting medical phenomenon to be seen on the hopfields was the occasional case of hop narcosis. Some people have a familial sensitivity to the fumes given off by hops and rapidly become un-

Dermatitis venenata. Other

pickers sensitive to hop dust.

and who inhaled it. could

to them: even stirring the hops in the bin could cause anyone who is affected to appear drunk and stuporous.

Hops have been valued in

Hops have been valued in herbal medicine for almost as long as they have been used to give British beer its distinct taste. Hops have sedative and sleep-inducing powers even to those people who are not ) abnormally sensitive to them: they are therefore often prescribed to treat such conditions as tension headaches. Apart from their effect on the central nervous system, extracts of hops are also believed to have fungicidal and antibacterial properties.

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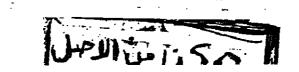
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### هكذا من الأصل Major's wife strides into new role as campaign trooper

By Alice Thomson, political reporter

NORMA MAJOR completed her transformation from caricature of the Huntingdonshire housewife to political partner when she appeared at her husband's side in Scotland

Mrs Major will now take a prominent role in the build-up to the general election. She has been assigned a public relations aide and will accompany her husband thoughout his two-week tour of Britain.

One reason for her emergence into the political spotlight is to alarm the Blairs, who are nervous about pushing Cherie into the limelight. Labour worries that voters will find it difficult to identify with Mrs Blair, who makes £200.000 a year as a barrister, and will be suspicious that she is trying to emulate the strident Hillary Clinton.

In contrast Mrs Major is clearly not aiming to take control of healthcare and with her sympathetic smile, belief in family values and apparent common sense, she appeals to Middle England. Tory strategists are convinced that she will be a huge electoral asset.

Yet six years ago she stood awkwardly on the steps of 10 Downing Street when her husband became Prime Minister. She looked uncomfort-Cable eating vol-au-vents with foreign dignitaries and she refused to become a clothes horse for British fashion.

Everyone soon assumed that she was a terrified houseback to her Teasmade. But her friends say that the press's image of her as a shrinking violet is ludicrous. This is a former head girl who has written a very well received book on the opera diva Joan Sutherland and has just finished her second on the Prime Minister's country home, Chequers. She is one of the few people who have made Boris

Yeltsin laugh, is happy to discuss German literature with Chancellor Kohl and in private is poised and self-possessed. Far from distancing herself from her husband. she became his bedrock. Mrs Major has admitted that she hated it when her husband became Foreign Secretary and then Chancellor.

Their marriage, which had worked well while Mr Major

was a backbencher, came

under huge pressure. When he telephoned her to say that he had been made Foreign Secretary she said she felt physically sick and the shock made her lose more than a stone in weight. With his hectic schedule, she hardly ever saw him. "Norma felt she had been hit by a whirlwind. She felt she was losing him more importantly losing her grip on life," a friend said. Even in bed he was reading

She gradually got used to the grandeur of Downing Street but never to the press. The more journalists harangued her husband and

his red boxes.

her laddered tights, the less prepared she was to smile urtificially for the cameras. She hated the disloyalty of Mr Major's colleagues and, friends say, he was not the only one to talk of bastards.

But everything changed last year when Mr Major called the leadership election. She was furious at the way the party was backstabbing her husband. She had begun to enjoy being the political first lady. She liked to joke that she no longer had to shoot rabbits from her bedroom window as she had a security fence to keep animals and journalists away. She was not about to let Mr Major be trampled on.

She fought side by side with him during the "put up or shut up" campaign. Her friend Baroness Blatch said: "She too had suffered a relentless battering. She also felt the injustice of the criticism and she came out battling."

Mrs Major has made it

clear that now she has finished her book she is happy to escort her husband around the country on her terms. Unlike high-powered Tory wives, she really enjoys talking to Tory supporters over coffee and listening to their grievances as well as swapping recipes and gardening tips, and they all warm to her. She will still refuse to do public speaking but she is prepared to smile for the camera lens, has taken makeup lessons and has a profes-



Norma Major leaving Downing Street to join her husband on his round-Britain tour

free to pursue her career as an

British politics has become

### **Devolution plan** a 'steeplechase of stupidity'

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR launched the Tory party's autumn political campaign last night with a blistering attack on Labour's policies on the social chapter. devolution and the "tartan

Speaking in Glasgow at the start of a two-week regional tour with his wife. Norma, the Prime Minister claimed that opting into the social chapter would open the floodgates to many extra costs for businesses. He also said that Labour's "tartan tax" would cost families in Scotland £330 a year, and derided its devolution proposals as a "steeplechase of stupidity" that could destroy democracy.

Labour was in favour of the social chapter, he said, because the party believed that it would "deliver what the trade unions want by the backdoor". But Labour would be unable to pick and choose from the social chapter. They obviously haven't read the social chapter's small print. I have, and I can tell you that once in, there's no way out."

He also argued that the Labour's proposal for a minimum wage would lead to inflation, job losses an prevent youngsters looking for work.

Mr Major, who is to campaign in Derbyshire and Lan-cashire over the next two days before visiting the South West next week, also warned the public not to throw away the achievements of the Tory Government. He said the transformation in Scotland's fortunes had been breathtaking, with

by low inflation, lower taxes and low costs.

"These didn't appear by magic. Getting here meant taking tough decisions, some of them politically unpopu-lar," he said. "But these hardwon achievements are easy to lose. They can be thrown away if Britain takes the wrong turning, if it's lulled into believing the soft sell that many politicians love to

The Government's determination to keep labour costs and other costs down played a big part in attracting foreign investment, giving Britain a "sharp competitive edge". I'm not prepared to put it at risk by signing up to the social chapter, to open the floodgates to a whole raft of expensive burdens on business."

Mr Major, addressing a gow Hilton, reserved his strongest words for Labour's plans for a Scottish parliament, including two referendums. Scots would now be asked in a second poil to impale themselves, their jobs ... and their competitiveness

on the stake of the tartan tax". If implemented this would see "discriminatory income tax" in Scotland 15 per cent higher than the rest of Britain. "This policy has now turned

into farce. It's more suitable for London's West End. It is an absurdity, a nonsense. Labour's plans put jobs, incomes, investment and a

### Norma shows no sign of seeking a place on the political stage

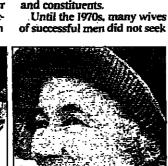
By Peter Riddell

NORMA MAJOR is not about to become Hillary Clinton. nor is Cherie Blair. The wives of British party leaders have been expected to be publicly supportive — but not politically involved — at their husband's side at important moments but not participants. The very idea of a First Lady

is anyway anathema in a as Clemmie Churchill, had country with a Queen as sovereign for 44 years.

The role of political wives has, however, changed over the past two decades. Before them, they were mainly hostesses or helping in the background: in the case of Violet Attlee being an erratic driver for her husband during election campaigns. Some, such

opinions of their own but they were strictly for her friends and family. Lady Dorothy Macmillan partially atoned for her longstanding affair with Robert Boothby by her skill and popularity with her husband's local party workers



Espousing the cause: Clemmie Churchill, Violet Attlee and Dorothy Macmillan

careers of their own and concentrated on raising families, and then public service. Mary Wilson and Audrey Callaghan were, and are, highly intelligent women, but neither sought a political voice of their own. Although they appeared with their husbands during party conferences and elections, they were not treated as campaign as-sets to be highlighted and

Nowadays more political vives in their 30s and 40 have careers, often earning more than their husbands. Most have kept their careers separate from their husband's political activities. That has so been easy for wives of Cabinet ministers, but is harder for those of party leaders. This might have been a problem for Glenys Kinnock if Labour had won in 1987 or 1992 since she was active on

Third World and women's issues while her husband was Labour leader. But she is now

more "presidential" if only on the focus on the personalities and families of the leaders. The wives have become public figures, whether they like it not. Sir Denis Thatcher succeeded at this balancing act, disguising his blunt gin-andtonic conservatism behind his cultivated bluff image.

presence Mrs Major's alongside her husband during his regional tours is different in degree rather than kind from previous activities of spouses. She is there to complement her husband, not to establish her own political identity. However impressed British media advisers may have been by Liddy Dole's talk-show performance or Hillary Clinton's speech about children, they know they could not get away with

them here. There is no sugges-

tion that Mrs Major or Mrs

Blair should speak at party conferences or, when at political gatherings, should be anything other than cheerleaders for their husbands.

Mrs Major has never been politically active, but Mrs Blair deliberately decided to step back from the political arena even though she was chosen as a Labour candidate before her husband. The more rabid Tory tabloids have unsuccessfully tried to depict her as a British version

of Hillary Clinton, picking on anything she says or does however innocuous. But as a highly successful barrister it entirely out of the public eye. or controversy.

The career woman as Prime Minister's wife is still unfamiliar to British eyes. The public may want to know more about a spouse now or so the press believes - but they do not want a wife who is on the political stage herself.

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### Whitehall faces £75m race bias claims

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

A TWO-YEAR drive in Whitehall to increase the number of black and Asian people entering the higher echelons of the Civil Service threatens to land the Government with a £75 million compensation bill.

Thousands of graduates who failed to gain an inter-view for the Civil Service's fast stream" appointments in 1993 and 1994 could now decide to sue the Government on the ground of racial discrimination. The development comes after a decision by the Recruitments and Assessment Service to reach an out-ofcourt settlement with Lucy Neame, a 27-year-old white woman, who claimed she had been treated differently in the selection test from candidates

from ethnic groups. According to Cabinet Office figures there were 18,900 applicants to the Civil Service "fast stream" in 1993 and 1994. of whom 1.565 were from ethnic groups. The Government has now abandoned its preferential treatment for black people in the selection test, but wants to broaden the intake from ethnic groups into the Civil Service. Civil Service recruitment and promotion practices are, however, still being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equal-

Ms Neame reached the qualifying stage of selection for the administrative faststream" programme in 1994 but failed the selection test even though she ranked 1,189 out of the 7.500 entrants that year.



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# Well brought up psychopaths 'make good stockbrokers'

HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PSYCHOPATHS are made, not born, and with the right parenting can become successful stockbrokers instead of serial killers, a psychologist said yesterday.

Although there is a strong genetic component in the development of psychopaths, the influence of parents could determine whether they follow law-abiding lives or go down the criminal road, according to Lisa Marshall, of Glasgow

Caledonian University.
Results of a study she conducted among 50 psychopaths in Scottish prisons showed that inconsistency in the disci-pline they received as children from their parents was a key factor in the development of their criminal lifestyles. Ms Marshall, who presented her PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY

findings to the British Psychological Society's criminal and legal division meeting in York. said that successful psychopaths needed a career with a high level of stimulation because they were easily bored. They were especially

callous and they are risk takers. They have to be in a situation where things are changing all the time and they don't

Psychopaths are psychologiwith anti-social, chronically

conventional prisons. Low

rates of reoffending among former inmates of both boot

camps and prisons were more

closely related to the therapy

or rehabilitation programme

provided than to the military-

style regime," she said. Sir Ivan Lawrence, chair-

man of the Commons Home

Affairs Committee speaking

earlier this year, said the

harsh regimes that relied on

hard physical labour would

provide "training in discipline

and the work ethic and respect

However there was no evi-

dence that the harsh regime

had a deterrent effect. Ms

Hudson said: "Offenders com-

ing into the camps think they

will have no trouble complet-

ing the programme. The in-

mates actually become more

positive towards the regime

and the staff than in prison

but this may have more to do

with the therapy or rehabilita-

tion on offer. Some have

alcohol or drug problems and

become the healthiest they

for other people".

Boot camps 'do not reduce reoffending'

By Jeremy Laurance

MILITARY-style boot camps that are being introduced in Britain have no beneficial effects other than satisfying the public desire for retribution and do nothing to reduce reoffending rates, a psychologist claimed yesterday.

The camps, in which young offenders aged 17 to 21 are made to live in harsh conditions stripped of their normal prison privileges and subjected to a punishing regime, are intended to deter them from future offending and to demonstrate to the public that the Government is tough on

However research in the United States, where more than 30 camps have been introduced since the 1980s, have shown no reduction in reoffending rates. Danielle Hudson, forensic psychologist at Highpoint Prison near Cambridge, told the annual conference of the British Psychological Society's criminal and legal division: "Boot camps do reduce anti-social attitudes but no more than have been in the camps."

suited to work in the high-risk. fast-moving world of the financial markets, she said. "They need careers where there is a lot of action. They would never do a mundane job. They are cold and quite

have to make long-term plans." damaged individuals

also sought details of their childhood backgrounds. Ms Marshall said: "People have assumed psychopaths are born and not made and that we need not look at environmental factors. These findings show that is not the case. The strongest link we found that distinguished the psychopaths from other of-

show a callous disregard for

others. They are often superfi-

cially charming but selfish.

manipulative and with a gran-

diose sense of their own worth

They tend to be impulsive and

Marshall gave personality questionnaires to more than

100 inmates of Scottish pris-

ons, of whom 50 were identi-

psychopaths. They had com-

mitted a range of crimes from fraud to murder. The study

For the three-year study Ms

have poor self-control.

lenders was the inconsistent discipline they received from their parents. These children would do something wrong and one time they would get a beating and another it would be laughed off. They were in a state of flux. They had no sense that it was better not to do it because they might get The study also showed that the psychopaths tended to have critical and hostile par-

ents and did not enjoy school, which they found boring. They did not feel the need for friends because of their antisocial tendencies. Ms Marshall said: "Childhood experiences do matter. Those who have good experiences may become successful psycho-paths. They may not be very nice to people but they do well. Those who are badly treated as children are more likely to go down the criminal road."

Professional men who rape deserve longer prison sentences than men who are unemployed or from lower social classes, according to a public opinion survey conducted at Kent University. The study found the degree to which the victim had put herself at risk made no difference to the culpability attributed to the assailant.



The first complaint in 17 years: Raymond Edney yesterday with another Aborigine artist, Gordon Hookey

### Captain Cook museum removes exhibits that offended Aborigine

By Russell Jenkins

AN ABORIGINE artist who visited a museum commemorating Captain Cook took exception to a display of tribal artefects. Now they have been withdrawn, although his complaint was the first in 17 years. The Captain Cook Birth-

place Museum, in Middlesbrough, removed an aboriginal "pointing stick" "pointing stick" and shell when Raymond Edney said they held religious significance for his people and should be kept private. The artist, who is taking part in a community project to record Cleveland's countryside in paint and sculpture, blames the explorer for the start of the historical persecu-

tion of native Australians. The exhibits had been donated by the now defunct' Australian Aborigine Arts Board when the museum opened in 1979 to commemorate the bi-centenary of Cook's death. An estimated three million visitors have passed the display cabinets containing the items. Yesterday Mike Clark, a spokesman for Middlesbrough council, said of their removal: "Our reaction



Clash of cultures: Captain Cook and the Aborigine display at the museum

was not prompted by political correctness but by a wish not to offend sensibilities. We would not feel that the exhibition is diminished in any

The museum is shortly to close for a refurbishment funded by a National Lottery grant of £800,000. Mr Clark said there was a desire not to shut down "on a sour note". . Mr Edney, 28. visited the museum as part of video project. He said: "These items are sacred to the Aborigine culture and should not be on display. They were taken by force and should be returned.

I am not going to go into the aboriginal myth and mystery of these items, I will just say they are personal.

Hilary Wade, the museum curator, said that Mr Edney complained that a small number of items were to do with initiation rites and burial ceremonies in western Australia. She added: "We are not in the business of displaying something controversial which upsets people."

The row highlights a continuing controversy among museums over the display of sensitive material. The Museum Association is currently

carrying out research into British Museum, which boasts one of the larg-

est collections in the world from many regions and periods, also holds skeletal material, among them Egytian mummies, an Iron Age bog body and Peruvian and Colombian mummies dating from AD 1200-1500. A spokesman said: "The

museum is conscious of the issues. The more sensitive material is withheld from exhibition and made available for study only to bona

### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Community care 'failed by rivalry'

Serious shortfalls in care in the community are caused by lack of communication between the responsible agencies and rivalry over resources. according to a report pub-lished today, Asking the Impossible?, a

study for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, found that central government had failed to set out a clear, integrated programme, leading to misunderstandings between the agencies about their roles and false expectations of what others could do.

#### No-haste post

A postbox installed in Rudford, Gloucestershire, after the closure of a local post office has not been emptied for more than two weeks because postmen were not told that it

### Died in grave

A cemetery worker was found dead in a newly dug grave by a fellow groundsman. The body of William Daborn, 59, from Sandhurst, Berkshire, had to be removed before a funeral procession arrived.

#### Euro MP dies

Ken Stewart, the left-wing Labour MEP for Merseyside West for the past 12 years, has died aged 71. He was a former joiner and city councillor who had been decorated for service in the Second World War.

#### Flyers' last gasp British Airways has included

the Concorde flight to New York in a new trial for nonsmoking flights from January l. The airline says its policy is due to increasing passenger demand for such bans.

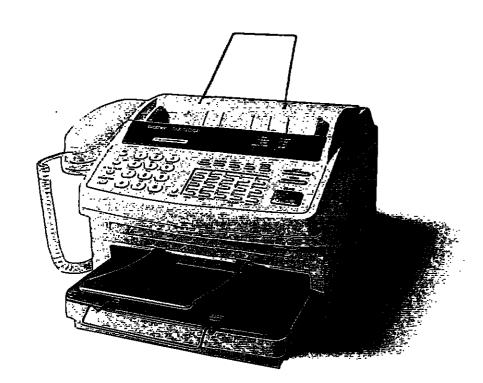
#### Fat cat warning

Half of Britain's cats and dogs are overweight, making them among the fattest in Europe, according to a survey by Hill's Pet Nutrition. A spokesman said: Owners are killing their pets with kindness."

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### Toilet role

The lavatories of the Gulbenkian Studio Theatre in Newcastle-upon-Tyne will be among the venues for an experimental one-woman show by Jane Sanders entitled England's Glory, about Britpop.



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### Two bodies found in Belgian sex case house

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

BELGIAN police unearthed the remains of two people yesterday at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, the paedophile whose confession of kidnapping and wrturing young girls triggered a sense of national

After five days of digging with heavy equipment, the police found bones identified as belonging to two bodies under the concrete floor of a shed adjoining the house at Jumet, near Charleroi. Dutroux, 39, told the police last week that an accomplice had buried at the property the bodies of two girls, An Mar-chal, 17, and Eerje Lambrecks, 19, as well as those of three others. Superintendent John Bennett, the officer who led the excavations at the Gloucester home of Fred and Rosemary West, has been using British "ground radar" at the site to

help the Belgian police.

Michel Bourlet, the chief prosecutor in the case, said

television showed a skull among the bones, which appeared to be charred.

Dutroux, a convicted child rapist, told prosecutors that he had kidnapped the two teenagers in Ostend last August. He admitted killing Bernard Weinstein, his accomplice, last year. Weinstein's body was found at Dutroux's main home, buried beside those of Melissa Russo and Julie Lejeune. two eight-year-olds who starved to death in Dutroux's captivity while he was de-tained in jail earlier this year

on car theft charges.

Dutroux's wife Michèle, a former schoolteacher and mother of three, is reported to have told prosecutors that she had failed to feed the two girls while her husband was in jail. She is one of nine other people charged in connection with the killings and kidnappings.

The affair, which has created a sense of national trauma in Belgium, began when the



Human remains are removed yesterday from a property near Charleroi belonging to Marc Dutroux, the Belgian paedophile

police rescued two other girls from Dutroux's cells last month. Intense public anger has been focused on the authorities' failure to take earlier action against Dutroux despite many reports of his suspicious behaviour, some from police investigators. Dutroux and his alleged ac-complices are being held in the eastern town of Arlon. Prison officers are observing them

every seven minutes and switching on the lights at night to ensure that they do not try to take their own lives. Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, announced measures last week aimed at ensuring that there could be no repeat of the authorities' failure to stop Dutroux, who was released in 1992 after only three years in prison out of a

like cells allegedly for holding kidnapped children in one of Dutroux's houses and seized more than 300 paedophile pornographic videotapes, some featuring Dutroux him-self, as well as magazines, children's clothing and a gun. The hunt for missing girls has spread abroad. Belgian police have visited Slovakia

ping and raping young girls. and the Czech Republic and The police have found trench-Austria and Germany. Several other Belgian girls have disappeared in recent years. Their files are all now pooled in Neufchâteau, nerve centre of an international paedophile hunt. However, an eight-yearold Zairean girl who disap-peared in Liege on Monday was found safe yesterday. She had run away.

THE announcement by Sir Ti

Liang Yang, Hong Kong's Chief Justice, that he is a

candidate for the post of Chief

Executive to succeed Chris

Patten, the Governor, on July

1, 1997, is the latest bizarre

event in the run-up to China's

Sir Ti Liang told Mr Patten

on Sunday that he would

accept the nomination for the

post by Xu Simin, a pro-

Peking publisher in Hong

Kong, and yesterday Govern-

ment House issued a terse

statement announcing the

Chief Justice's impending res-

ignation and notably making

Almost at once Allen Lee, a

pro-China legislator, said that

he thought few of his col-

leagues would support Sir Ti

Liang's candidacy. A few

months ago a Chinese official

in the colony disclosed that Sir

Ti Liang had stated at a dinner

party that he thought Britain's

Bill of Rights ordinance was

The Chinese move to hu-

miliate Hong Kong's top legal

figure resulted in a thinly

disguised order to Sir Ti Liang

from Anson Chan, the Chief

Secretary, to explain himself.

He did so, but rather lamely.

resumption of sovereignty.

☐ Seville: The prosecutor in this Spanish city has asked that 48 people suspected of paedophilia-related crimes. including a former judge and an actor, should be brought to trial, judicial sources said yesterday. The suspects' activities had been uncovered last year after the discovery of a ring that used children as prostitutes and sold pornographic material. (AFP)

Executive. One of his main

rivals is Ms Chan who, al-

though the public's over-

whelming favourite, is unlike-

ly to be appointed by Peking

because of more than 30 years

of service in the colonial

The two other candidates

are T. S. Loh, a successful

lawyer, educated in Britain

and widely described here as

too eager for the job and too

obviously linked to Peking, which has not spoken in his favour, and C.H. Tung, a

shipping tycoon and former

member of Mr Patten's Execu-

tive Council, who is the front-

Mr Tung, who was saved

from bankruptcy in the 1980s

by a loan arranged by Peking.

is thought to be having second

thoughts because of concerns

over the running of his ship-

ping empire should his candi-

What depresses many in

Hong Kong is that neither Mr

Tung nor Sir Ti Liang has

expressed a comprehensive

political philosophy. Mr Tung

is seen as being in China's

camp because he is a member

of the 150-member Prepara-

tory Committee handpicked

formation of the next adminis-

tration. Martin Lee, leader of

the Democrats, the largest

party in the Legislative Coun-

cil, said that Sir Ti Liang's

candidacy is "a farce . . . When

Peking gives the nod, that's the

Bar Association declared ille-

gal China's decision to abolish the elected Legislative Council

on July I next year and replace

it with an appointed provi-

☐ Peking: China yesterday

agreed to allow Mr Patten to

take part in the Hong Kong

handover ceremony. Jeremy

Hanley, the Minister for

Hong Kong and the Middle East, said Lu Ping, China's top

official in the colony, has

declared he looked forward to

shaking the Governor's hand

at the event next year. (AFP)

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On Sunday, the Hong Kong

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Hong Kong's top

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

WORLD . SUMMARY

### Hijacker frees 150 from jet

Varna. Bulgaria: A lone Palestinian hijacker seized a Bulgarian charter plane on a flight from Beirut vesterday but released all 150 passengers at the airport here before ordering the jet to Oslo. The plane took off for Oslo

at 1810 (1510 GMT)." a Varna air traffic controller said. The hijacker named as Nadir Abdulah, seized the Tul50 aircraft 15 minutes before it landed at Varna, near the Black Sea coast. He freed the passengers but kept the

crew on board. The hijacker entered the crew cabin with a bomb and demanded to continue the flight to Helsinki or to Oslo." an official said. (Reuter)

#### Suu Kyi aide's jail term doubled

Rangoon: Burma's military rulers have doubled to 14 years the prison sentence on pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's personal assistant, dissident leaders said. Win Htein, a former army captain, was arrested in May when the junta detained 262 of Daw Syn Kyi's supporters to derail a congress of her National League for Democracy. He was sentenced in May to seven years for allegedly tak-ing part in a conspiracy to smuggle out a videotape purporting to show the failure of the summer rice crop. (AP)

#### Age of consent 'should be ten'

Harare: Buhle Ncube, technical services director of the Zimbabwe National Family Planning Council, wants the country's age of consent lowered to ten years. She said the present minimum age of 16 was too high, since many children below that age were sexually active irrespective of the law but were not allowed free contraceptives. "What do we do with those children who come in their school uniforms Ms Noube asked. (AFP)

#### Hutu rebels attack garrison

launched a big attack on an army garrison and local government headquarters in northwestern Burundi, Lieutenant-Colonel Isaie Nibizi reported that many people had been killed, including the local administrator. He said fighting was continuing at the Gahombo commune between Kayanza and Ngozi and army reinforcements were being sent in. (Reuter)

#### Blast devastates 0 Algiers hotel

Algiers: A huge bomb blast at a hotel in central Algiers. blamed on armed Islamic extremists at war with Algeria's military regime, killed at least one person and injured ten others, officials said. According to a radio report, the blast was caused by a car bomb. The Hotel d'Angleterre, a multi-storey building, was devastated. (AFP)

#### Bear rips off boy's arm at zoo

Bucharest: A bear ripped off a five-year-old boy's arm at a 200 in Timisoara, western Romania, after the child tried to feed him, a newspaper reported. The boy was pulled to safety by his 12-year-old sister, but she was attacked by a second bear in the cage, which broke her arm. (AFP)

### **Mother Teresa** says 'I am fit'

Calcutta: Feeling fit and cheerful, Mother Teresa is pressing to leave hospital, but doctors said yesterday that she must first regain more strength after her two-week fight against malaria and pneumonia.

"She is pressing us every day to release her," said S.K. Sen, medical director at Calcutta's Woodlands Nursing Home, where the Nobel Peace Prize winner has been admitted for a fortnight. "It is virtually a tug of war every day, and every day we are telling her that we are going to release her tomorrow.

"I am fit enough," Dr Sen quoted Mother Teresa. 86, as saying. "Nothing will happen to me. I have a pacemaker." She was fitted with a pacemaker in 1989. (Reuter)

### Protesters at Pope's French visit plant bomb in church

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

POLICE have defused a homemade bomb planted in a church where the Pope is due to pray during his visit to France later this month.

No one has claimed responsibility for the explosive device, but police believe it was intended as a protest against the papal visit, which has provoked intense controversy n France. The bomb was discovered

on Monday night on a saint's tomb in the basilica of Saint-Laurent-sur-Sevre, the village 35 miles east of Nantes where the Pope is due to pray on September 19 at the start of his four-day trip. A slogan attackwall nearby, police said. It said: "Pope-Pope-BOOM!" Police said the bomb, made

from builders' material, was planted at the weekend on the tomb of Saint Louis-Marie Grignon de Montfort, an 18thcentury missionary, by someone who broke in through a window and lit the fuse before escaping. The bomb partially exploded. The device was intended to

be destructive, but those responsible do not seem to have been aiming at people since they blocked access to the basilica by placing tables behind the door," a spokesman for the local prefecture said. Hundreds of French Roman Catholics have demanded to

ing the visit was scrawled on a be "debaptised" to demonwall nearby, police said. It strate their anger over the Vatican's conservative stance on issues such as Aids, contraception and abortion. Although the Roman Catholic Church has no provision for reversing baptism, several bishops have agreed to remove protesters' names from

their registers. Other groups have criticised the French Government's decision to oversee celebrations marking the 1,500th anniversary of the baptism of the Frankish King Clovis, arguing that as a secular state France should not be celebrating a strictly religious event. The Pope will celebrate Mass at Rheims cathedral to mark the

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### Singapore | judge to stand for Chief Executive job imprisons **Ecstasy** smuggler

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN SINGAPORE

A DUTCH man was jailed for six years and given ten strokes of the cane here vesterday for smuggling the recreational drug Ecstasy while en route to Indonesia.

Ton Alling, 48, a driving instructor from The Hague, was convicted of importing the drug into Singapore after a two-day trial. He was arrested at Changi airport in June for possessing more than 2,200 Ecstasy pills concealed in cigarette packs.

The judge said the sentence that this country will deal harshly with any person" who violates its drug laws.

Alling is the first foreigner to be jailed here for smuggling Ecstasy, a mildly hallucinogenic amphetamine favoured by disco-goers. He has ten days to appeal. He told police that he had been given the pills by a friend who ned they were medicine and asked him to deliver them to someone in Indonesia.

Ecstasy is a controlled drug in Singapore, where authorities have expressed increasing concern over its popularity. It has become the drug of choice among affluent youths in the city-state, where trafficking in more established drugs like heroin, cannabis and morphine is punishable by death.

In 1994 a row broke out between Singapore and The Netherlands over the hanging of Johannes van Damme, a Dutch engineer, for drug

trafficking.
In Indonesia yesterday, the highest Islamic authority said it would declare the drug as haram or forbidden for consumption by Muslims. The Indonesian Council of Ulamas also called on the Government to impose heavier punishment against pushers and dealers of Ecstasy. At present it is not considered a dangerous drug and traffickers face only a charge of bringing in chemical drugs



Sir Ti Liang: candidacy

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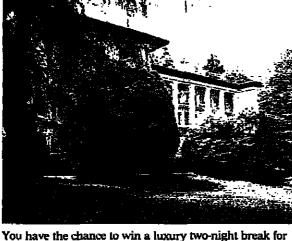
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### Sinister lake takes seven more lives

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

RESIDENTS of a small town in the American South have called for a "haunted" lake to be filled in after the second strange multiple drowning there in two years.

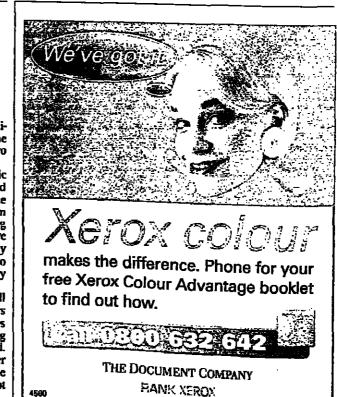
The John D. Long Lake near Union, South Carolina. first gained prominence two years ago when Susan Smith killed her two young sons by driving them and her car into the lake. The youngsters were strapped into their seats and drowned. At first Mrs Smith pretended that it was an accident, but it became one of the murder cases of the decade and she was found guilty and imprisoned for life.

Disaster returned over the Labour Day weekend when a Chevrolet Suburban vehicle

containing five people inexpli-cably fell into the lake. All the occupants died, as did two would-be rescuers.

The Chevrolet's automatic gearbox was set to "park" and there were no skid marks. The car's dead owner was Tim Phillips, an air-conditioning company worker, who drove to the lake with his family after a barbecue to look at two monuments built in memory of the Smith children.

The headlights were still shining when rescue workers arrived to recover the bodies of Phillips, his three young children and another child. Mrs Phillips and another adult who dived into the waters in a rescue attempt



### Chechen surgeon saves lives with household thread and a bottle of vodka

THE Chechen blood feud begins without warning and in no time embroils my companion Aslanbek, a young Chechen surgeon. A policeman in Nadterechnaya, north of Grozny, stabs Aslanbek's

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cousin in a quarrel, then flees. Aslanbek and the rest of his family are summoned by his father to their home in the ruined capital. They cannot rely on the city's depleted medical resources and want the surgeon to operate on his cousin's stomach wound.

Compared with past experiences in Grozny, the operation is fairly civilised, in that it involves anaesthetic and surgical implements. Aslanbek then drives his patient to a hospital in the neighbouring



Anthony Loyd reports from Grozny on the difficulties of practising medicine in the middle of Russian bombardments, fire and blood feuds

to kill our cousin.'

state of Ingushetia. Meanwhile, senior members of the policeman's family approach those of his victim and offer money to stave off retribution. It is not good enough. They are told to produce the culprit within a week or else his father or uncle will be killed.

"One week?" Aslanbek muses, They are lucky. That leaves a lot accept money to replace him trying

Aslanbek is no stranger to impromptu work. He was working as a surgeon in Dubai when his family recalled him to Grozny ten months ago. A loyalist to the Chechen separatist cause, he was called out at night to treat Chechen fighters, operating in a variety of adverse situations. But it is only

when he shows me his last improvised surgery that I really understand the meaning of "adverse".

The stone cellar complex of three rooms in central Grozny was used as a shelter by 150 civilians during the lighting that came after the rebel operation to take and hold Grozny last month. Situated next to the Russian intelligence building, it became the epicentre for much of the combat.

There was not enough room for everybody to sit, let alone lie down, for the six days they were trapped in the cellars, so the civilians took turns sitting in corners. Space was cleared in the centre of one room for a table, upon which Aslanbek operated on the wounded using

vodka, household thread and a single scalpel.

The shelling outside was very heavy and it was extremely dangerous to go out, even though we were short of water," Aslanbek said. "One man tried it and came back with shrapnel in his stomach. Another couple went out — the wife was killed and the husband hit in the back. I operated on them all, giving them vodka first. The Koran allows it, if it is necessary to stay alive. I encouraged them to pray out loud to take their mind off the pain as I cut into them and

sewed them up with thread." On the second day the house above them was bombed and then caught fire. By the fourth day they

had used all their water trying to put out the fire. On the sixth the heat grew so bad that they had to flee. The cellar caught fire as they pulled the last people out.

As I walk into the cellar two weeks after the fire, the heat in the concrete, maintained by some kind of fire beneath us, begins to melt the soles of my boots. Anything metal in the smoking room gleams unnaturally. Anything combustible is little more than ash. In the corner lies a barely recognisable female corpse they had no time to take with them.

I ask Aslanbek if the six days were the worst in his life. "Definitely not," he says quickly. "The Russians tried to crush the car 1 oured personnel carrier soon after I first returned to Grozny. Then they arrested me. They beat me for four days with Kalashnikovs and fists. I thought I would die every day. They charged my father a E3,850 ransom to let me go alive.

The Red Cross has just opened its first hospital in Chechenia, at Novi Atagi, south of the city. After a tour of the hospital, Aslanbek says of the staff: "They are good, but I wonder if they can work with vodka and thread?

I am wondering something, too: whether the Red Cross staff will have to treat a bullet-riddled policeman from Nadterechnaya within the next seven days.

### Irish set to knock heads for deal on Maastricht II

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

AFTER months of marking time, negotiations to revise the Maastricht treaty reopened in Brussels yesterday with the Irish presidency determined to hammer out a draft for a revised European Union constitution by November.

Noel Dorr, the veteran Irish diplomat steering the so-called inter-governmental conference (IGC), said it was vital to start serious negotiation for a final round of horse-trading among EU leaders and the revision of the Maastricht treaty in Amsterdam next Missing the deadline would be seen as failure, said Mr Dorr, whose job stems from Ireland's turn in the

rotating EU presidency. The soft-spoken Mr Dorr, who is the special representative of Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, is determined to start bashing heads together on such delicate issues as trimming the powers of the national veto and devising ways to let some countries move faster than others to a federal Europe. The deadline for a draft, in time for the EU summit in Dublin in December, is daunting because of Britain's solitary resistance to any dilution of the veto and its desire to clip the wings of the European Court and curb some centralised powers.

Sir Stephen Wall, Britain's IGC negotiator, this week presents Britain's demands for a new protocol on "subsidiarity", code for limiting EU legislation that goes over the heads of national governments. Such efforts are rankling IGC negotiators from the federal-minded members. Werner Hoyer, the German Minister for Europe and IGC negotiator, can be heard muttering about ways of dumping Britain from the class if it does

not mend its ways.

Mr Dorr insisted yesterday that there was no acrimony. "We don't feel the sensitivities in the UK have overshadowed what we are doing, but we will have to see in the next few months," he said as he prepared to open the autumn's first weekly negotiating session here. However, he acknowleged that there was a danger that other countries could hold back from serious negotiations until the British election is decided.

Mr Dorr, 62, who was brought back from retirement after serving in the Foreign Ministry, can count on goodwill towards Ireland, one of the EU's keenest members. He is well qualified to mediate between Britain and its continental partners after serving as Ambassador to London in

the 1980s and as chief United Nations envoy during the Falklands conflict. brings one's background and experience. I did have 35 years as ambassador in London at a fairly imporant time. I would hope that I have some friendships and understanding and some feeling for the British position," he told

Ireland hopes to clear the ground for the IGC well ahead of its climax, due in Amsterdam next June. If it drags on, Mr Dorr said, Europe will see the effort as a failure. It is essential to avoid the mistakes of the Maastricht negotiation, seen as a "conspiracy of the elites", he added. "Maastricht II", which is supposed to prepare the Union for the entry of up to a dozen new members from the East, would not amount to "a major adventurous leap forwards". he said, but it was vital to prepare the Union for the next century. "We are really facing the reconstructing of the European continent. That is an immense challenge."

The most important thing is that we should come out of it with the sense that we have made the European Union work more effectively and had it better accepted by the



Noel Dorr. "Maastricht II is vital to prepare the Union for the next century"

### Lebed puts death toll at 90,000 in separatist conflict FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AS MANY as 90,000 people have been killed and hundreds of thousands injured during the 21-month separatist war in Chechenia, General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief, said yesterday.

Speaking in Moscow after securing a peace agreement with the Chechen rebel leadership at the weekend, General Lebed provided startling new casualty figures, making the Caucasus conflict the bloodiest on Russian soil since the Second World War.

"There is conflicting data, but one can speak about 80,000 killed, give or take 10,000, and about three times as many wounded and maimed," said the Afghan War veteran turned peacemaker. The figure is about three times higher than the estimates used by Western aid groups working in the break-

away republic, though the final toll may never be known. What is clear is that tens of thousands of people died in the initial siege of Grozny, which lasted from the Russian invasion in December 1994 to the end of the winter. The Russian military used heavy artillery and aircraft to bomband the city where a large part of the nearly half a million population was trapped. Most of the victims were ethnic Russians. Since then the fighting has varied in intensity until the current truce was signed.

As for the military casualties, General Igor Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, said on Monday that at least 2,837 Russian troops had been killed in Chechenia and 13.270 wounded. In addition, 337

men are listed as missing. The release of the grisly statistics were partly intended to shore up support for General Lebed's peace efforts, which so far have been welcomed in Chechenia but have received

only guarded support from the Russian leadership, in particular President Yeltsin. Yesterday Viktor Cherno-

myrdin, the Prime Minister,

broke his silence to give General Lebed the clearest endorsement yet for his deal, which calls for joint control of Chechenia until a referendum on its status in five years time. The agreements signed by Lebed cause some concern, but on the whole we consider them right," Mr Chernomyr-din, who discussed the issue at length with Mr Yeltsin on Monday, said. "We should act within the framework of these agreements and keep to their

Nevertheless, there is still uneasiness in Russia that the deal is meaningless without the unequivocal support of the President, who is resting outside Moscow and has so far refused to comment publicly

on the subject.
Yesterday General Lebed said he kept in touch "by telephone and in writing" with the Kremlin leader, and interpreted his present silence as a sign of consent".

But the fact that he has not met Mr Yeltsin since August 14 leaves strong doubts about General Lebed's future tenure and the reliability of his peace agreement. Although it is widely rumoured that the Russian leader is ill and incapable of dealing with dayto-day affairs of state, he was shown on television on Monday night looking relaxed and clearly capable of walking and

talking to Mr Chernomyrdin. The conclusion that many have reached is that the President, who ordered the disastrous military adventure into Chechenia, cannot afford politically to applaud the peace efforts of General Lebed, now regarded as the person best placed to take over the Kremlin one day.

### Doubts on future for shrinking band of German Nazi-hunters

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

ONE of the world's most important Nazi-hunting institutions may be scaled down by the German Government after the death of its longstanding director, Alfred Streim.

The fate of the Ludwigsburg-based Central Office for the Investigation of National Socialist Crimes will be determined in November at a meeting of state justice ministers in Bonn. The doughty Herr Streim was able to fend off bureaucratic criticism that the declining number of fugitive

Nazis did not justify the financing of a full-scale investigative unit, but now the unit has become vulnerable. the staff has shrunk to 26 from 127 a

For the resident Nazi-hunters decade ago — the least painful solution would be gradually to transform the centre into a research and teaching institute. There is a fear that the many sensitive dossiers will otherwise be absorbed into the German state archives in Koblenz.

The doubts over the Ludwigsburg office point to the parlous state of Nazi-hunting. The collapse of the Israeli trial of John Demjanjuk, the suspected Ukrainian camp guard, in 1993 showed the difficulty of identifying war criminals through elderly witnesses, and the inconclusive trial of Erich Priebke, a former SS officer, in Italy this year has underlined the problems of building legally water-

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Man about town: Alfonso XIII, left, taking tea with friends in the Channel resort of Deauville in 1922

### Alfonso of Spain 'was porn film fan'

FROM TUNKU VARADARAIAN IN MADRID

ALFONSO XIII of Spain, the grandfather of King Juan Carlos, was a fan of erotic cinema who regularly arranged for explicit films to be made for him, according to a report in the Spanish magazine Cambio 16 yesterday.

This dark side to the King. who went into exile in 1931 after the victory of several Republican candidates in Spain's first democratic local elections, was in keeping with the tastes of the age. It was not uncommon for upper-class Spanish men of the time to watch pornographic films in the privacy of their homes or sometimes in their favourite brothels. The best titles are supposed to have come from Buenos Aires in Argentina.

According to the magazine, the Count of Romanones, the Liberal leader who was Alfonso's right-hand man, was entrusted with approaching producers of erotic films on behalf of the King. On the recommendation of General Miguel Primo de Rivera, the dictator who ruled Spain from 1923 to 1930, the Count

sought out Ramon Baños, the maker of the erotic classic, Los Poivos de la Madre Celestina (The Potions of Mother Celestine). No copies are known still to exist. Evidence suggests that the

recently discovered erotic films, The Minister, The Ladies' Doctor and The Priest's Blessing, all shot in 1925, were made for the King by Baños, who was paid 6,000 pesetas each for them. The films are all explicit, with little attention paid to story lines. The Priest's Blessing, for instance, tells of a priest who assures gullible girls that praying in the nude will earn them the greatest spiritual merit. Undressed, rapt in prayer, they are then all "blessed" by the

Historians believe Alfonso often watched these films when his wife, Victoria Eugenia, the granddaughter of Queen Victoria, was away from the palace. He also carried them with him on hunts, along with a portable projector, in case rain drove his party indoors.

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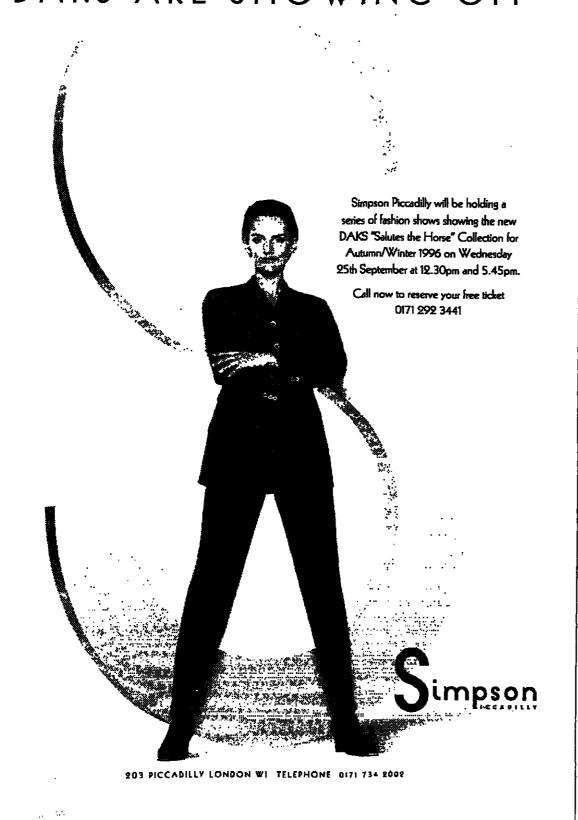
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### DAKS ARE SHOWING OFF



# High fashion from M&S



The season's best seller looks like being this orange velvet shirt, £40, combined with an orange ribbed turtle neck, £18

Over the past few seasons

Marks & Spencer has become

increasingly design led and

the smart set now think it's

cool to spend less on clothes

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they would on, say, lunch at Conran's Mezzo restaurant.

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Fashion journalist of the year

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set now think it cool to spend less on clothes at the high-street store than on lunch

AT THE photographic shoot for the pictures shown here, model-of-the-moment Honor Fraser flicked through the rail of clothes in the changing room and was impressed. She liked the stretchy, flat-fronted, "boot-cut" trousers which flare out at the hem and thought the fitted jersey shirt was gor-geous, but most of all she liked the little, black belted Princess-line wool-mix coat. "As

good as Prada," she said. Only it's not Prada. Everything shown here is part of the brand new winter range from Marks & Spencer.

Not bad praise considering Fraser is hot property on the fashion scene, swanning down the couture catwalks of Christian Lacroix and Valentino in Paris and appearing in adver-tisements for fashion labels as disparate as Ungaro, Russell & Bromley, Nina Ricci and Isaac Mizrahi. This is a girl who can wear any darned label she wants. Now she says she will add M&S to her shopping list. Fraser is not the only one.

you do so at your peril and the customer walks away. This autumn I think we've got the balance really right. It only works if you have the classics and the basics in place and then you can add the fashion."

This season they have added plenty. There is the longer jersey skirt which skims the ankle, the honey coloured, topstitched tailored suit with a just-below-the-knee straight skirt and, of course, the flared trouser. There are lacy shirts, a wonderful, long, tie-belt robe coat, silky jersey separates (the trouser suit and singles out the work of Betty Jackson) and lots of chocolate brown which is being heralded in fashion circles as "the new black".

trend for softer, knitted dressing is not short-term, hence

ette with a narrow-leg pant.
"More and more women feel comfortable wearing a Godbold believes that the trouser suit." he says. "We find a lot of older customers are buying them too. Of course, the little jersey shirts, turtle- it's not a hipster trouser."

neck sweaters, slinky tunics.

important item in a woman's

wardrobe this winter will be a

grey, single-breasted silhou-

He also feels that the most

Photographs by MARTYN THOMPSON; make-up by Micki Gardener; hair by Mandy Lyons; model Honor Fraser



Oasis — What's the Story?, by Ian Robertson, Blake (£6.99).

## What will Cherie Booth do now?

Norma Major's decision to accompany her husband on a political tour fuels the debate inside Labour on whether its leader's wife should do a Hillary Clinton at the next party conference



Nigella Lawson

The next election always looked as if it was going to be fought by the spin doctors: now it appears it is to be thrashed out by the wives. Is this progress?

Neither advisers nor spouses are democratically elected and we have every right to feel miffed at a prominent role played by either. But there is something infinitely more depressing about the use of the wife as a political tactic or, as the terminology in these more openly aggressive days has it, "cam-

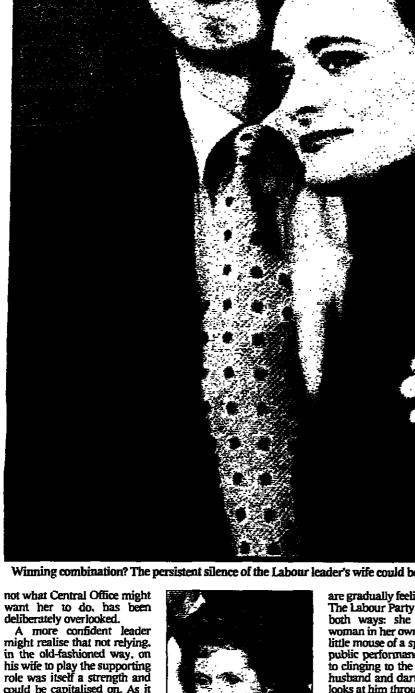
I am not naive: wives have always been wheeled in to open fêtes, murmur sympathetically to disgruntled constituents and beam supportively at speechifying spouses but to make a point of enhancing the wife's role, as Central Office plans to do as it rolls out Norma, seems retrograde to the point of

provocation. Of course, one can see why they're doing it. Cherie Booth is supposed to be our answer to Hillary Rodham Clinton ambitious, high-powered and in control of her husband and the Tories are pushing

this one as far as it will go. By contrast, Norma Major is (or more to the point, is seen as) a woman who bears her husband's name with pride. who is home-loving and. all, ordinary: no E200,000-a-year salary, no own life, no ambition, no nothing much apart from Mr Major. She doesn't turn up to party conferences in high boots and power-shoulders: for her, it is patterned silk and Thatcher-blue suits all the

The fact that Norma Major writes, has her own interests and has evidently made a positive choice up until now to stay out of politics (which stands strongly in her favour) and do what she wants to do.

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Winning combination? The persistent silence of the Labour leader's wife could be seen as a weakness rather than a strength

not what Central Office might want her to do, has been

in the old-fashioned way, on his wife to play the supporting role was itself a strength and could be capitalised on. As it is, the Cherie Booth factor is already in danger of misfiring. I don't refer to the possible success of right-wing attempts to depict her as a dangerous radical who will really be the one in charge if we vote in her husband, but to the decision she has made, or her hushand's advisers have made for her, to keep shtum.

Again, one can see why: Cherie Booth is not the one whose name will be on the ballot form, therefore hers are not the views we should be seeking out. And if the danger is that she will be cast by the Labour Party's detractors as the real political power behind the throne, then all the more reason to keep her from makpronouncements or reestablishing a political personality of her own, now that she is no longer a candi-

date herself. On paper that may make sense: in reality it is a mistake. I'm not saying that Cherie should be sounding off on all issues, but that her studied silence is working against rather than for her.

There is no point having nerves about it now: she is a woman with her own name and her own career and as much as that is what some of the electorate hate about her, so it is what a substantial number like. Her constituency



Norma: campaign weapon

is made up of women who identify with her far more readily than they ever could with Norma Major.

Now, women (or men for that matter) who earn around a quarter of a million pounds a year are hardly representative of the public at large. But that's not the point she is successful, she is capable and she is a woman in her own right: it is her confidence that attracts voters, especially female voters, and not her income. But her persistent silence might, in some quarters, begin to be seen as a weakness rather than a

Political enemies are always going to paint her as a feminist bully-girl, so there is no point pandering to them: but those who were grateful to have a strong woman about the place There it is all right to have

are gradually feeling let down. The Labour Party can't have it both ways: she can't be a woman in her own right and a little mouse of a spouse whose public performance is limited to clinging to the hand of her husband and darting adoring looks at him through Lady Distyle lowered lashes.

I don't blame her for not wanting to give interviews or take the stage herself. Why should she want to - and even if she does, where's the profit? Perhaps she should have emulated Norma Major from the beginning and kept well out of it. It is only a pity that Norma. Major is instead beginning to emulate her. I don't think that either party, and certainly either person, will gain by it.

Even women who have in-deed spent their lives shoring up their husbands don't want to be presented with such a picture of smiling subservience. It is too late: women can't suddenly be wives when we're

used to being people.
I'd have thought there was limited mileage in a woman who defines herself simply in terms of her husband. I'm not saying Norma Major is that woman, but she is allowing herself to be seen as that and that is worse. Not that Cherie Booth seems to be under any illusions here: one of the few times she has spoken publicly about her role was when she ruefully remarked that she'd started off as someone's daughter, was now someone's wife and would, no doubt, end up as someone's mother.

It is different in America.

Elizabeth Dole slug it out with Hillary Clinton, because there is a role to be filled. Even those Americans who wince with embarrassment at the term have to admit that there is such an entity as First Lady. with her own press-friendly project to keep her occupied. But Tony Blair and John Major are not fighting a presidential campaign, for all that certain advisers would have us believe. Whoever wins

will be installed to do a job, not occupy a position. In America, it may be possible to sell a political candidate on a married ticket the two-for-the-price-of-one deal that the Clintons explicitly offered - because the role of President is scarcely a political one any more. The real Government, as Gore Vidal is fond

of pointing out, is elsewhere.

ynical commentators may nod to the City and claim this to be no less the case here, but for all that, the role of leader is still a politically dynamic one. Tony Blair and John Major seek office because of their political beliefs. Fine: but why should their wives believe in the same things? As long as women are called into service to nod at their husband's speeches and back up their views we are all being treated as appendages. Do the Conservatives really think that the way to victory is guaranteed by depicting women as an extension of their

husbands? The really awful thing would be, of course, if they

### Sex and drugs and cold pizza . . . inside the private world of Oasis

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THE LAST time Ian Robertson saw Liam Gallagher, he lifted him up by his lapels, carried him across a road, and slammed him against the wall of a bus shelter.

He was, at the time, in the notorious singer's employ. He isn't any more. And while teenage girls may swoon to hear that one privileged to come so physically close behaved so unsmoothly, there will be many a stern-faced and weary-eared father who longs to follow Mr Robertson's example.

And, indeed, it was a paternal gesture, of sorts. As the man responsible for looking after Oasis on the road, getting them to gigs and interviews, on to planes and off groupies, Ian Robertson was more than just a road manag-er. He was the man who had to say "no" to Liam Gallagher. And since parting company with the chaps, he has bequeathed his memories of them to posterity in a book. Oasis - What's the Story?

"This is not a kiss-and-tell thing," he begins. "There was a serialisation in the News of the World which purported to be my book but in fact bore absolutely no resemblance to it at all. I put a lot of thought and work into it, and genuinely hoped to give a bit of an insight into life on the road with a band like Oasis."

Yes, ves, but what we want to know is why he slammed Mr Gallagher against a bus shelter. That's before we hear about the drugs, and the sex. and the rows with his brother, and Paula Yates, and Patsy

"Liam lost his temper during an interview in France and stormed out. I went after him, and we ended up in a bar somewhere, where the row continued. Then we got into a limo, and still it went on. Suddenly, with the car doing about 40mph, Liam opened the door and threw himself into the road. I jumped out after him, and the next thing I knew he had punched me twice in the face. They were good, accurate punches. What ollowed was as close as I ever came to losing my temper. And as I held him against the shelter he said, 'right, that's it. you're fired'."

AS a former paratrooper. disturbed by the punches. It was Mr Gallagher's nonchalance the next morning that most surprised him. "Potty old night that, wasn't it?" was all he said. But Robertson chose the moment to resign

It wouldn't have been long before he was pushed, as he readily admits. "It was my job to bring Liam bad news: 'get out of bed, Liam', 'get on the plane, Liam, do the interview, Liam'. And the more successful the band got, the more resentful he was of being told what to do."

So why not stop telling him? "Because you can't just follow a rock and roll band around saying yes to every thing — they would self-destruct."

Robertson had been working for the band since March, 1994, and remembers quieter days. "There have always been fights between Noel and his brother Liam," he says. "But no one can make them laugh quicker than each other. They have a private lanage, a telepathy almost, and there are occasions when everyone else is excluded. I remember a beautiful moment after a festival in Switzerland. Liam was just sitting quietly with a guitar, trying a chords, and Noel came in and listened



### be as wild as they are painted? Giles Coren meets one man who knows the true story very complimentary things. "Then he took the guitar

Gallaghers really

and said 'why don't you try this?' and reworked some of the chords, and Liam started to hum along, and they were making music and everyone else might not have existed."

But we hear so many stories of their mutual antipathy, and Liam has often boasted that he could write better songs than 'our kid' if he only had the time. "Liam probably believed that when he said it.





Liam: throwing punches

That is how it is with him. there is no pause between the thought and the enunciation of it. Articulating sensitive things is harder for him - he often starts conversations by quoting one of Noel's songs. He is genuinely charming and friendly when he is not drunk or coked up."

And yet he must be more often a monster than a mouse, credited with snorting by the tabloids - about £300-worth a day — is to be believed.

"He might get through that

amount on the odd occasion," says Robertson, "But those times are vastly outnumbered by the times when we sat around in motels in the middle of nowhere, eating cold pizza and drinking warm beer, waiting for drug dealers who never arrived. Then, if it did arrive, Liam would react badly the drug, whereas Noel

was as charming as ever."
And when Liam is bad, he is very bad. "A low point for me was at a hotel in Bristol when a middle-aged waiter came past with a tray of bread rolls. Liam decided he wanted them. The waiter declined to co-operate and disappeared through a servant's exit. Liam went after him, and seconds later reappeared looking rather shocked. He was holding his face and saying. "he feeting popped me!"

AND yet there are redeeming features. Liam, for example. does not approve of infidelity. For a long time he was going out with a lovely girl who worked in an HMV shop in Manchester," recalls Robert-son. "But Liam knew he could not resist the temptations of groupies on tour, so he used to chuck her before he got on the plane -- that way he was not actually being unfaithful. And when he got back, they would get together again."

In the good old days, it seems, the band used to socialise together, and things were more innocent "Before Oasis got going Liam didn't

Can a band behave so stereotypically badly all the time? "Well, the only time that Liam stops drinking is if he is told to by doctors, but he doesn't necessarily wake up on a Sunday morning and snort a line of coke." As for more elderly pursuits, like rock and roll, if anything, and Liam doesn't read at all."

Mr Robertson has, however, tried to convert him. "I used to read to them occasionally. I remember reading Bill Bryson's The Lost Continent to Liam in the lobby of a hotel in Milan. He could really relate to all the travelling around, and he was rapt. It was like reading to a kid. He said he'd read it after me, but

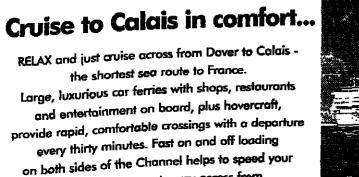
All that time Liam saves by not reading he manages to use constructively by shopping. "He loves clothes. spends all his time buying them, wherever we are."

But he only ever wears ... "Yes. but it is a different anorak every time."

There is a hint of whimsy in Robertson's voice. When he says, "rock and roll has not done Liam any tayours", it is not recrimination, it is sympathy. It is also regret for things past. "I know I have burnt my bridges to the industry with this book. To live with a band 24 hours a day and then write about them is a fairly shitty thing to do. I miss them already. Anyone who works in rock and roll wants to work with a band like Oasis.

"Because whatever they're not, they are a proper rock and roll band."

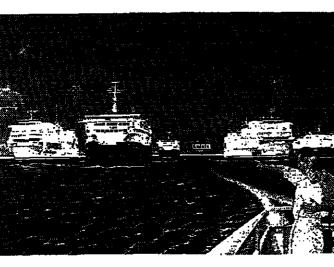
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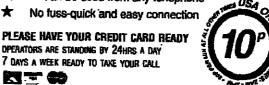
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### Alan Coren



#### As I've discovered to my cost, fame now comes at a premium

t was in the summer of 1988 that a jolly red telephone on wheels first hurtled over the brow of a hill, chirruped a clarion call to the nation's householders, and declared that it was about to change the face of home insurance as they knew it.

And so it did. The telephone belonged to Direct Line, which, through the agglomerative dint of canny targeting, leading-edge cybernetics, innovative marketing, overhead cheeseparing, and an appealing in-your-face cheekiness which cocked a well-deserved snook at those smug behemoths of the traditional insurance trade who had always appeared to be in business more for their own protection than for anyone else's, very quickly seduced a substantial number of

their customers.

The jolly red telephone did not, however, seduce me. Not through any fault on its part. simply because of my own endemic inertia. I am all for change, but nothing for changing: however little trouble it may be to do it, it is still too much trouble for me. In order to move from the insurance company I had grumbled about for 30 years I should probably have had to make a couple of phone calls, fill in as many as three forms, send a whole fax, all that. I could not, in short, be bothered.

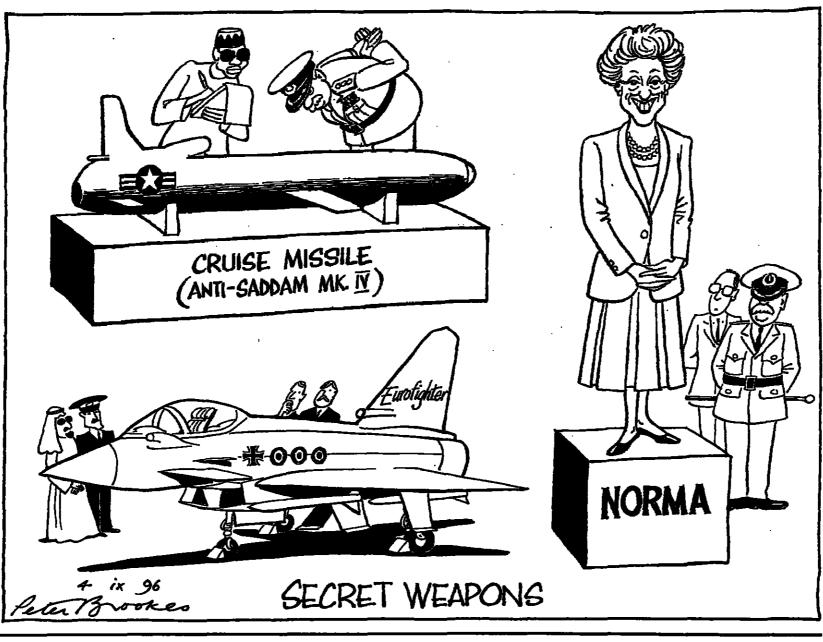
Until last week. Last week, I suddenly became extremely bothered. For last week the renewal of my household policy fell due. and when I saw that I was looking at a due even more fell than the previous year's, I rang up to heckle. I then listened to a well-rehearsed socio-political monologue on the state of crime. Cricklewood, the economy. and much else, and rang off again, thereby freeing my dissatisfied phone to ring, at long last, its jolly red sibling at Direct Line. This was picked up by Sue. Sue was ace. Not only was Sue charm and sympathy itself. Sue had everything at her fingertips: I could hear them clacketing away, stencilling the details of my bits and bobs against her databased profiles as fast as I could issue them, and within seconds of the last bob being filed. Sue said she had a quotation for me. It was the best quotation I had ever heard. It left Oscar Wilde at the post. It was 60 per cent lower than my current one.

And then a dreadful thing happened.

ue said she just needed to know what I did for a living; and when I told her. Sue went "Oh, dear," So I asked her why she went it. and she said: "Do famous people ever come to your house?" and I said they did a bit, not many, not often, and what this brought was the sort of brief taut silence that follows a pin being removed from a grenade. Until Sue said: "I'm sorry, but Direct Line cannot insure homes visited by tamous people." Hummoxed, I asked why, It was policy, said Sue. She would not elaborate. All she would do was say goodbye. The red telephone shot back over its hill. iolly no longer.

Three days on, flummoxed is what I remain. I could understand Direct Line inquiring if arsonists ever visited the house, or kleptomaniaes, or drunks, who might knock over a display cabinet, or tall lawyers, who might sue over an unlabelled low beam, or incontinent dogs left on a white silk sofa, or victorious rugger teams left anywhere. But what conceivable threat can the merely famous pose to domestic premises? They do not, at least in my experience, nick the cutlery, stub their fags out on the harpsi-chord, throw Ming at one another, or bite irreparable holes in the Bokhara. Even beyond my experience, I should imagine that the famous are far more wary of being seen as a threat to property than anyone else, given the career risks, in these tabloid days, of ending up infamous as the result.

But there is a less imponderable point to be raised, if Direct Line is to stay in business, and it concerns the exponentially rising celebrity roster. Each passing day, such is the hunger of our swelling newspapers and our burgeoning TV channels for fodder. more and more people are getting more and more famous: the moment cannot be far off when the celebrated outnumber the humble, and the unmeek inherit the earth. So, before that moment arrives, the jolly red telephone would be well-advised to change its policy, if it wants to keep issuing anyone else's.



### Going down a bomb

This way nobody loses. Saddam Hussein returns to Kurdistan. President Clinton drops bombs on somewhere else and rebuts Bob Dole's charge of weakness. The American media is pleased. Tomahawk salesmen are overjoyed. The Turks are happy to see the Kurds worsted. Others in the region tut-tut but will soon renew their trade with Iraq. Mr Clinton will be re-elected. Saddam will continue his repression, delighted to be back on stage as Uncle Sam's enemy number one. The guts of a hundred peasants will be spattered over the desert. But a few dismembered Arabs are a small price to pay for such happiness in high places.

As with many American foreign policy decisions, yesterday's bombing raid in southern Iraq can be understood only when seen from America. What might elsewhere seem a useless and obscene gesture is common sense in America. President Clinton has been regarded as a draft-dodger, his opponent Bob Dole as a war hero. Republican presidents stood up to dictators, in Beirut, Somalia, Libya and Iraq. Democrats are doves. So when Saddam offers Mr Clinton a chance to pull a trigger and "send a message". Bill would be mad not to accept the offer. The message is for Republican voters, not Saddam. What on earth do you expect him to do. Americans ask of their critics.

George Bush showed in 1993 that bombing Saddam is risk-free. In the dying hours of his presidency, he ordered 45 Tomahawks to rain down on a factory in Baghdad, to show history that he was really tough. Mr Clinton's electorate is currently sitting in cinemas cheering the movie Independence Day. It portrays a president not unlike Mr Clinton summoning up his courage to confront monsters from outer space. To many Americans, Iraq and outer space are much alike. As a frantic White House spokesman said on Monday night, there was no question of not bombing, only of "looking for a suitable address".

American foreign policy is now content-free. Gone is the grand strategy, gone with the Cold War. In its place are what are called "boutique issues", taken off the National Security Council shelf when required for domestic consump-tion. This year's boutiques have been Bosnia. Ulster and Iraq. Each can be opened at the bidding of a lobbyist, but if it fails to show a quick profit the shutters come briskly down. You will not hear A Tomahawk doesn't achieve anything, but it keeps the folks back home happy

Ulster mentioned by American politicians just now. Bosnia too has sunk, from being a triumph of American interven-

tion to being another European mess. The essence of boutique foreign policy is that it needs no consistency. Troops may be sent to Somalia but not to Rwanda or Liberia. Israel's shelling of Lebanon can be tolerated, but Serbian artillery in Bosnia must be bombed. China's persecution of the Tibetans is accepted. Russia's persecution of the Chechens is deplored, but Iraq's perse-

cution of the Kurds must be bombed. The test of intervention in each case is not some putative threat to American or interventionists that I doubt if a single Western interests, as

once it was the advance of communism. The tests are the strength of the domestic lobbies involved, the timing of each new "crisis" in relation to others, and its accessibility to television. The recent Armenian-Azeri conflict passed the first

test, but it coincided with the Bosnian crisis and was unfilmable, so it failed the second and third tests. Despite its viciousness, that war aroused no flicker of sympathy in America or Britain.

Iraq is suitable for constant intervention because in 1990 Saddam was declared Top Monster by the West. He was said to be always pushing to see how far the West will let him go, testing the limits of the West's tolerance. Yesterday a BBC reporter ventured the view that Saddam was "unbelievably stupid" to venture into Kurdistan during an American election campaign. He had gone too far

I think the opposite. It is always a mistake to declare an enemy stupid. I imagine that Saddam needs Tomahawks just now in the same way that Mr Clinton needs them - or at least that he can take a few Tomahawks in return for having his flag fly over the Kurd capital of Arbil. The essence is that neither Saddam nor Clinton is the principal enemy of the other. Both have domestic games to play. The Iraqi President has cleverly split his Kurdish foes — never a hard task - and involved Turkey and Iran into the bargain. He wants to keep power and knows from experience that America has no stomach for a ground fight, the only fight that might discomfit him. As long as Saddam stays within his borders, his neighbours will not allow

America to invade. Mr Clinton just wants some bombs. He knows that bombs never toppled any regime. All attempts by the Americans to prod the Shias and the Kurds to revolt have failed, with much bloodshed. West-ern policy in Iraq since the Gulf War has been an unmitigated disaster for ordi-nary Iraqis. Yet such is the cynicism of

> Western politician sees it that way. So when the British Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, declares that Saddam's treatment of his Kurdish minority is "unacceptable", he means that he will accept it. When President

Clinton declares that

Saddam is a monster who must be stopped, he means that he is a monster who will not be stopped. When he talks about responding with "appropriate military means", he means appropriate to his own re-election. The most honest response was from the French official who reportedly said that "the White House should quickly get its foot off the gas pedal" and hoped (off the record) that Saddam might in future wait until there was a French election in the offing.

addam is a dictator. He survives because he is single-mindedly committed to survival. Nobody else is single-mindedly committed to toppling him. He operates for the long term. His supposed enemies overseas operate for the short term. A Tomahawk raid is a long time in American politics: its attention span lasts only until the prime time news bulletin. In Iraqi politics it is a mere blip, a useful reminder of American brutalism and Zionist aggression. The only thing "smart" about a Tomahawk is that CNN can film one. Otherwise it is just another

An American president wins domestic support from attacking a distant enemy, but the distant enemy usually wins domestic support from being attacked. Almost every dictator who has incurred Washington's odium has outlasted the president who damned him. Castro outlasted Kennedy. Khomeini outlasted Carter. Gaddafi outlasted Reagan. Saddam outlasted Bush - and Thatcher.

The reason is that our heart is not in defeating these men. For all the talk of "monsters", the West is not threatened by them. When international order is upset, as in Kuwait, the world can act in commendable unison. But the internal affairs of foreign states are not our concern, except briefly when they stir our emotions on television. Then we briefly reward politicians who declare a crusade and send in bombers. But our concern is shortlived. We are soon bored. Who cares now for Somalia or Ethiopia or Cambodia or even Bosnia? The interventionist has no strategy because there is no great threat and no

great cause. Those who preach non-intervention are always challenged with the same question: but what would you do about Saddam, Gaddafi, Aidid and the rest? The answer is short and simple. As long as they stay within their borders, I would do nothing (though I would extend charity to their peoples). The reason is that even where we claim the right to intervene, we have no power to do so effectively. Sanctions are counterproductive. Invasions are aborted. Bombing merely destroys things and people. Political destabilisation does not work. Abuse is silly. There is nothing we have been able to do to undermine Saddam, and much that appears to have propped him up. At the very least, the time might have come to try an alternative approach, of opening his borders and allowing his people to enjoy the fruits of their labours. As for his misdeeds, tell me they are really worse than those of Assad of Syria, the current darling of the

West's Middle East policy. But to hell with consistency. Today's diplomat worships the goddess Hypocrisy. Once the networks are energised, there is no purchase in doing nothing. Iraq is boutique of the week and the interventionists are in there clamouring for hombs. Mr Clinton has obliged. No one is sensible but at least

everyone is happy.

Greenwich is still in peril

Libby Purves on the Ministry and the Naval College

n the next clear autumn day, I urge you, go to Greenwich Park and walk up to the Old Royal Observatory. Make your way through the curtain into the darkness of the Camera Obscura, and look at the great white dish as the light strikes through the ceiling The curious quality of the old technology makes the modern scene look timeless, a tranquil aquatint. There before you in miniature lie the green swathe of the park and the stately buildings occupied by the National Maritime Museum: the Queen's House and its colonnade, the twin wings. Beyond lie the domes and courts of the Wren and Hawksmoor buildings, since 1870 the Royal Naval College but earlier established by Queen Mary to house retired and disabled seamen. Before that it was a favourite Tudor palace, birth-place of Henry VII and Elizabeth I; which gives an inkling of what seamen once meant to this island. Here, in the Painted Hall, Nelson's coffin lay in state. It is all there, a classical grand vista. Suspended in the slowly swinging camera's eye like a dream are history, royalty, the sea, the capital, old glories and future hopes. This is England's Versailles, a World Heritage site. It is older and more resonant with heroism and science, pride and community, than Hampton Court or Windsor or the Houses of Parliament; for seafaring earned us our place in world history. and produced our greatest innovators. adventurers and heroes. I defy you to look and not be moved.

This time last year, a remarkable opportunity came up to unify this site and give it to the nation. The Navy is leaving. The Government's response, to advertise it with an estate agent, brought outrage. In October, the National Maritime Museum proposed that a trust be set up to manage the site and its tenants. and offered to manage access to the Painted Hall and Chapel. It also signalled ideas - in partnership with Greenwich University, a prime bidder, or independently —to maintain the site's seafaring heritage by setting up a muchneeded Maritime Research Centre housing its main archive collection (currently in exile at Woolwich Arsenal) and providing suitable displays.

serve as a trustee of the National Maritime Museum (though I came Lin halfway through this story). because of a longstanding admiration for the way, under Richard Ormond. that it balances populism, educational energy and academic integrity. So I am biased; but believe me, you do not need to be biased to react with dismay to the government report which - a whole year and an eminent advisory committee later - has at last emerged.

It takes the whole business no further, it reiterates the need for a trust, but majors on the idea of handing the place over to Greenwich University. It makes little mention of the maritime, and fails to address the question of how, under current financial restraints, a new university which until 1992 was Thames Polytechnic -- can possibly take on vast historic buildings left in the tatty state which follows any occupation by the Ministry of Defence. The report calls the university's plans "soundly based and sensitive to the site"; yet they have little regard for its historic association with the sea. It speaks of displaying "the art treasures of Greenwich Hospital", but does not mention that these are in the National Maritime Museum. Indeed, apart from one brief line, the report seems anxious to avoid mentioning the distinguished museum which already runs the rest of the site just across the road. I cannot speak for the museum, and have no idea whether this snub is deliberate, but is it not a little odd?

There are other problems: a vagueness about leases, and a lack of commitment by any ministry to paying the initial £25 million it will cost to put the buildings in order for any tenant. There is no mention of other creative solutions which have been suggested, such as bringing the UN International Maritime University from Malmo in Sweden to Greenwich: Lord Callaghan and others have suggested this, given that the UN's International Maritime Orga-

nisation has its headquarters in London. But above all, despite the promise given by Nicholas Soames last February that the use of the buildings would be "seemly, fitting, suitable, dignified and entirely in keeping with their history and traditions", what is missing is any commitment to maintaining Greenwich as a maritime site and keeping it dignified, a place of reflection and education for Britain and the world.

To hand it to Greenwich University sounds superficially tidy - replace a college with a university - but this particular university appears more likely to run a business-school campus on the site, and perforce on a shoestring. When the Navy and its bijou nuclear reactor were here, the site was closed off for security but at least it was naval, and peering through the railings from the river towpath one could at least see Nelson's successors scuttling about

At best, with museum involvement, proper financing, and good trustees, the university's presence in part of the buildings could be an asset, a young element in old surroundings. At worst, the whole thing could still be a disaster: a rundown historic monument living from hand to mouth, bits boarded up or permanently under repair, scruffily inhabited, and a great opportunity wasted. That would be a lousy way for Greenwich - old, essential Greenwich, not the transitory P·H·S | festival up the road — to meet the millennium. Don't let it happen.

### Powell vault

No 10 yesterday, just a few hours after American cruise missiles went hurtling towards Iraq. Sir Charles Powell, former foreign affairs and defence adviser to Margaret Thatcher, enjoyed a quiet meeting with John Major.

Whitehall sources suggested that Sir Charles, who advised Thatcher in the run-up to the Gulf War, is assisting the present Prime Minister to try to help resolve the crisis in Iraq. Downing Street insisted, however, that the meeting was private. And Sir Charles gave nothing away as he left the PM's office.

News of his possible involve-ment in the Kurdish crisis can only strengthen Major's resolve. Powell was advising Thatcher after Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait when she gave President Bush a stark warning: This is no time to go wobbly George.

Sir Bernard Ingham, Thatcher's former press adviser, says Sir Charles may still be offering tips. "I would not be surprised if he was there," he says. "He does pop in from time to time."

However hard he plays the pat-riotic card. Michael Portillo sim-

ply isn't allowed to forget his Spanish origins. In a report on the Eurofighter combat aircraft from the Farnborough Air Show, the London correspondent of the Italian newspaper Corrière della Sera referred to a meeting of the foreign ministers of Britain and Spain. Heseltine and Portillo".

### Keep Khan

JEMIMA KHAN is back on the fundraising trail for her hus-





band's cancer hospital in Lahore, unperturbed by the bomb that ripped through it this summer. Now eight months pregnant, she is frantically organising the London charity premiere of the film adaptation of Jane Austen's Emma, to be held at the Chelsea cinema next week.

All profits for the £50-a-ticket bash (with pre-performance party thrown in) will go towards repairing the bomb damage. Despite the late stage of her pregnancy, she says she is feeling better than ever. "The only problems I've been hav-ing are with the postal strikes."

### **Bus pass**

ED STOURTON, the cuddly BBC news reader who became an unlikely housewives' heartthrob after losing weight recently, has been forced to tighten his belt further. Yesterday, he flew out to travel across America for a Panorama special on the presidential election, and he has been told not to take internal flights but to hop on

the Greyhound bus. Stourton and his crew of two have gamely packed their rucksacks and are preparing to meet the great unwashed. "It will be good for him to get away from his desk and meet the real people of America," says a BBC curmud-geon. "He's a hardy type, I'm sure he won't suffer."

• Reporters at the Sunday Express were in shock yesterday after Sue Douglas, their Editor, resigned from her job and swiftly left the building, as part of the plans for 85 redundancies across the Express group. As soon as she left, more than half the phones at The Sunday Express went dead - so more than half the journalists assumed that they, too, had been sacked. Management quickly said it was a technical fault.

### Di is cast

ANDRE DURAND, the extraordinary artist who specialises in the Royal Family is just getting into his stride. I'm sure you'll remember his Three Princes - a schmaltzy picture of the Prince of Wales and his two sons in baseball caps

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Diana before the divorce: now its a Pizza Express for her

on a rearing steed — and his more recent vision of Diana, Princess of Wales, clad in a diaphanous minidress and twirling on a glass globe which bobs on the sea.

Now he is extending his range. A new masterpiece is said to depict the Princess with her two sons in a Pizza Express restaurant eating slices of an American pepperoni with extra capers. Durand refuses

to say anything — other than to admit that pizza is involved. Meanwhile, there is good news

for Diana. She need no longer fear the indignity of having her credit card refused at Harvey Nichols. The £17 million divorce settlement was paid into her account this

Papal decree on

Mary's virginity

From Father David Lawrence-March

Sir, It is unfortunate that the Pope

should raise a somewhat ambiguous

theological issue which serves, in the

popular eye, to make a doctrine that

should highlight a basic unity among

Christians yet again a source of dis-

unity ("Pope insists that Jesus was Mary's only child", August 30).

It is all too easy to mask essential

truths in a welter of semantics, Christ-

ian understanding of the person of

Mary the Mother of Jesus being a

prime example. To emphasise "per-petual virginity" at the expense of glorified humanity seems to me a mis-

appropriation of the fourth-century

To speak of Mary as eternally vir-

gin is, perhaps, permissible in that (as the vast majority of Christians, I im-

agine, would assert) she was in a state

of virginity at the time of the birth of

the Son of God; thereby since, at the

supreme moment of her vocation, she

was in a state of virginity there is no

reason why she should not be referred

to as the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To say that the bearer of God could not bear other children made, like all

of us, in the image of the Creator, is to

demean the Theotokos and render

her, as the Gnostics did, as merely a

vehicle - surely the last thing the

Bishop of Rome would intend.

I remain. Sir, yours faithfully. DAVID LAWRENCE-MARCH,

From the Reverend David Ashforth

Sir. I am puzzled by the remark by a

"Church of England spokesman".

"Protestants retain their doubts".

August 30), that Mark, chapter 6, re-

fers to Jesus's "real brothers and sis-

ters" and that New Testament scho-

lars see "no need to speculate about

their being half-brothers, half-sisters,

The most obvious meaning of the

Gospels is that these brothers and sis-

ters are the children of Joseph and

Mary born in the normal course of

their marriage. Mary's firstborn, Jesus, is the child of Mary only, through

a pregnancy instigated by the power

of God through the Holy Spirit. Half-

brothers and half-sisters is therefore

the accurate description of Jesus's sib-

The heartwarming statement of Je-

sus is that everyone who does the will

of God is as close to him as his natural

Sir, Whether or not Mary was a per-

petual virgin is not a matter of funda-

mental faith. That Mary's son is the

sole mediator between God and hum-

anity is (1 Timothy ii, 5). The signifi-

cant statement is that Joseph "did not

family (Mark iii, 35).

DAVID ASHFORTH,

Blackburn, Lancashire.

From the Reverend

Dr Alan C. Clifford

The Vicarage, Balderstone,

Yours faithfully,

August 31.

or cousins"

Church Street, Holt, Norfolk.

title of Theotokos ("God-bearer").

Yours sincerely, ALAN C. CLIFFORD. Norwich Reformed Church,

7 Woodside Park. Attleborough, Norfolk. September 2

### High-rise heritage

Sir. Scientists say that England is gradually sinking into the sea, and Scotland is gradually rising out of the

This is not, in my view, due to the retreat of the glaciers from the last ice age, but rather to the weight of the

tage insist should be retained (report. September 2), at considerable public expense, long after their useful life is Can these hideous monstrosities not be photographed and recorded in de-

tailed plans, then blown up or knocked down? The path to obsolescence is getting much shorter for new build-

Okehampton, Devon.

1 wonder if both groom and bride would have to qualify? I am 91 and was hoping for a rather younger

## THETTIMES

### **OVER IRAQ**

Deadline at noon for Saddam to choose humiliation or defiance

In predictably inflammatory language, President Saddam Hussein has poured scorn on the latest operation against Iraq by American cruise missiles with British logistical support. The military targets were deliberately restricted to command and control posts and to Iraqi air defence systems reconstituted since the end of the Gulf War: but they support a political strategy which significantly increases the pressure on the Iraqi leader. The key lies in President Clinton's announcement that from noon today, the air exclusion zone in southern Iraq will be extended further north, to the 33rd rather than the 32nd parallel.

What this does is to deny Iraq the use of its airspace from the Iraq-Kuwait border all the way north to the outer suburbs of Baghdad. Since the air umbrella over Kurdish territory in northern Iraq remains unchanged, this is hardly a straightforward riposte to the drive into Arbil by Saddam's Republican Guards. But, apart from the symbolism of shrinking the area of full Iraqi sovereignty and threatening further shrinkage to come, it is not intended to be.

When the aim is to test Saddam, the "southern strategy" makes far better sense than squeezing him in the north. His secret police do not need air power to consolidate their grip over Kurdish areas; and for the US. expanding the northern no-fly-zone would have involved difficult negotiations with the Turkish Government over use of

the Turkish airbase at Incirlik. The territory between the 32nd and 33rd parallels, by contrast, is militarily much more important to Saddam as well as more easily policed by American air power. The area just south of Baghdad is the main training and manoeuvre ground for élite Iraqi forces, air as well as ground; and it contains two important Iraqi airbases. As of noon today, any Iraqi fixed-wing aircraft that takes off is liable to be shot down. This confronts Saddam with unpalatable choices between humiliation and defiance: he must

either move all planes out of these bases immediately or see them indefinitely grounded and lost to military use or waste valuable military assets on an act of defiant retaliation. Yesterday, Saddam appeared set on this last course. Not for the first time, he vowed to treat the "damned imaginary lines" of the air exclusion zones as "nonexistent" and ordered his forces to "hit any hostile plane violating the airspace".

Mr Clinton's chosen course, firmly and rightly supported by the British Government, is not free of risk. American, British and French aircraft will now be patrolling a zone which includes Saddam's heaviest concentration of Sam surface-to-air missiles. He also has up to 300 serviceable military aircraft. Although these assets are far too small to make a serious dent on American air power, he might see the downing of a single Allied aircraft — particularly if members of the crew were captured - as a sufficiently valuable propaganda victory to justify heavy Iraqi losses. The concentration on Iraq's air defences by the cruise missiles reflects Washington's awareness of the heightened potential danger to air patrols

Saddam, an avid misreader of American domestic politics, has gambled before on escalation and may well believe that in midelection campaign, all he needs is a few body-bags to force America to a humiliating change of course. He may even believe that Bob Dole's ill-judged attack on Mr Clinton for mishandling this crisis will turn the American public against the President. He will certainly be delighting in the criticisms of the cruise strikes coming not only from many Arab capitals, but even from such an important European ally as France. It now falls once again to America to prove that Saddam is the Middle East's master of miscalculation. As John Major has clearly understood, it is the business of all those who are serious about stability in the Gulf to give Washington their determined support.

### **OFF TARGET**

#### The discriminatory devils in the Frankfurt detail

The European Monetary Institute's work on a new currency continues apace despite widespread concern from member countries. At yesterday's gathering in Frankfurt central bank governors from all European Union nations met to consider the enormous changes that will be triggered by the shift to the euro. A rapidly emerging source of contention is the mechanics of Target, the Trans-European Automated Real-Time Gross Settlement Express Transfer system. The very mention of such a convoluted acronym may cause the eyes to glaze over. But some of the nastiest devils of monetary union lie in its detail.

Target is the means by which the banks of Europe would settle cheques, loans and other payments denominated in euros. The European Central Bank (ECB) also wants to use Target to supply money to the financial markets, although this is not a function performed by the payments systems set for other currencies, such as the dollar and the pound. France and Germany are now trying to use the pretext that Target will be used as an instrument of monetary policy to try to penalise banks in countries outside the

EMU "inner core". According to the French and German proposals, those countries which stand outside monetary union would see their banks excluded from the right to borrow euros from the ECB. Although inventive institutions would doubtless open subsidiaries in nations that had introduced the single currency, this could represent a

considerable inconvenience. There is no reason why a payments system needs to be used as a transmission

mechanism for monetary policy. The decision to treat Target in this way looks suspiciously like an attempt by French and German bankers to acquire an advantage over their competitors based in countries within the EU but outside the euro. Seemingly technical issues are often covers for intrigue: the signal being sent is that retaining a national currency will not be without penalty.

In practice the impact may be less than its proponents hope. Whatever losses could be caused in additional costs to British banks may well be offset by their ability to stand outside the highly regulated regime that the European Monetary Institute is busy creating. Any threat that Frankfurt will eclipse London as Europe's financial centre if these provisions take effect appears a gross exaggeration: German banks and others are already voting with their feet by moving to the Square Mile.

But, even if the effect is minimal there is a principle of considerable importance at stake. The proposal creates an artificial division of EU states based on single currency membership. It is difficult to reconcile such a move with the spirit and probably the letter of the single market. It is even harder to justify it against the Maastricht Treaty's stated objective of "an open market economy with free competition". The obsessive concern of those designing the single currency with the possible comparative advantages of those who stand outside it suggests little confidence in what they are creating. Kenneth Clarke and Eddie George should not allow this scheme to develop.

### **B FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

### Early tests are a good idea, but they must be pitched correctly

With the introduction of assessment for fiveyear-olds in their first term at primary school, the Government has finally completed the edifice of objective testing. That it is the most important brick shows that the task has been tackled in the wrong order, starting with public examinations and finishing with entry standards. But now, at last, it should be possible to compare schools' achievements regardless of their intake.

Teachers have been complaining for years that league tables are unfair, because they do not assess the "value added" by different schools: that is, an inner-city school with an intake of deprived children might improve their grades more effectively than a middleclass school in a nearby leafy suburb. Various attempts have been made to correct for this, using proxies such as the number of children who have English as a second language or who qualify for free school meals.

But these measures are patronising - a child born in a tower block will not be less intelligent for that - and they contribute to the lowering of expectations that has often made academic failure a self-fulfilling prophecy for such pupils. It is far better and more rigorous to assess all children when they start school by the same objective criteria, and then measure their achieve-

ments in the light of their potential. Within a few years, it should be possible to trace the progress of the same group of children in each school, from five through seven to 11. This will provide a far more accurate measure of the quality of teaching than simply comparing seven or 11-year-old test results from different schools in a particular year. To make the analysis work, though, the assessment criteria will have to be clear and uniform across the country.

The other purpose of assessment at five is to give an early indication of a child's ability, so that lessons can be tailored to his or her needs. The first two years are critical to later progress: nothing is more dispiriting to a five-year-old than being either bored because the work is too easy or intimidated because it is too hard. It is particularly important, then, that the full range of ability should be covered in the tests so that children who are likely to fall behind can be res-

cued and the most gifted can be challenged. This is where Sir Ron Dearing's proposals seem sadly to have fallen victim to the forces of political correctness. From its early pages, the wording of yesterday's document is inauspicious: the purpose is not, apparently, to identify strengths and weaknesses, but strengths and "learning needs". And the culture of low expectations is still evident in the type of achievement suggested for each level of ability. For instance, the most taxing of the mathematical skills, designed to pick out the seriously able school starters, is pitched too low. This was the problem with the national curriculum standards for literacy, which then had to be revised upwards. Sir Ron should avoid making the

same mistake again.

### prisoners' release

Sir, May one express sympathy with the lawyers, so disparagingly referred to by Sir Michael Davies as "tame" (letter, August 31; see also letters August 26, 28), who gave the advice on which the premature release of over 500 prisoners was based.

Is it possible that these lawyers were misguided enough to believe that Section 67 of the Criminal Justice Act, being a penal provision, would be given a "strict" interpretation, regardless of how bizarre, on the basis of common sense, the outcome might seem? How were they to foresee the startlingly novel (so far as the criminal law is concerned) but very welcome reaction showing that common sense still has a part to play in the common

If this idea takes root and we see a marked fall in the number of the obviously guilty who are, in layman's terms, "let off" on the basis of unmeritorious or unattractive arguments which "nevertheless must succeed", then it will not all have been on the

Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS (Justices' Clerk, Kingston upon Thames, 1981-93), 54 Woodlands Road, Bookham, Surrey. August 31.

#### From Mr Keith Topley

Sir, If Sir Michael Davies has correctly analysed the failings of the Prison Service concerning early release, then by the same token he must surely be wrong in issuing a free pardon to the Home Secretary.

To allow the head of that service to return to his desk after errors so grave as those Sir Michael identifies must itself be an example of lack of firmness deserving of castigation rather than a somewhat backhanded endorsement.

Yours sincerely KEITH TOPLEY. 22 Queens Road, Cowes, Isle of Wight. August 31.

#### From Professor Dawn Oliver

Sir. The significance of agency arrangements in the Prison Service and in Whitehall generally is surely not that such arrangements seek to separate policy from operational matters, but that they separate ministers from managers and specify the manager's iob description.

What is missing is any clear notion of a Secretary of State's job descripto avoid responsibility, since a person can only be held to blame for not doing their job properly.

Yours faithfully, DAWN OLIVER (Professor of Constitutional Law), University College London. Bentham House Endsleigh Gardens, WCI.

#### From Mr Geoffrey M. Beresford Hartwell

Sir. As an engineer I profess no expertise on law and, of course, law is unpredictable. Nevertheless, I believe that Mr Charles Gladwin (letter, August 31) may find comfort from a matter which was determined in 1970 (Home Office v. Dorset Yacht Co Ltd: All England Law Reports, p294).

A number of young prisoners had absconded from custody in Dorset and damaged a yacht. The Home Office were found liable for the damage. The logic of that case seems inexorably to support a similar conclusion in respect of any offences committed by the prematurely released, subject to two points. One is that the probability of the offence must be foreseeable hardly a problem. The other is that there may be some administrative excuse derived from the royal prerogative, but that option may not be open

to an "agency".

On the face of it, therefore, the person who made what by any standards appears to have been an absurdly perverse interpretation of the legislation ought to be ready to put his hand in his personal pocket.

Yours faithfully. G. M. BERESFORD HARTWELL

(Chairman). The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, International Arbitration Centre, 24 Angel Gate, ECl. August 31.

#### Inappropriate address From Mrs Ann Williams

Sir, We are quite used to receiving letters for "Mr and Mrs St Bartholomew" and even "The Occupant, Penn Church". My husband was, however, rather disconcerted to find a bill from British Gas addressed to "The Occupant, Penn Cemetery" on the doormat the very day he returned home from a short spell in hospital.

Fortunately, hope was restored the following day when he received a getwell card, correctly addressed, from a local firm of funeral directors.

Yours faithfully. ANN WILLIAMS, St Bartholomew's Vicarage. 68 Church Hill, Penn, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

### Taking the rap for Lament for lost ideal of regional TV

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### From the Chairman of Broadcasting for Scotland

Sir, Michael Grade's plea (report, August 27) that Channel 4 should not be privatised deserves support, not only on the ground that it would become merely "ITV 2". I believe that if C4 remains a public broadcaster there is a better chance of returning its remit to the vision of its founding father,

The Annan Committee on the Future of Broadcasting, in its report of 1977, resisted pressure to give the fourth channel to ITV, preferring to move our broadcasters from regulat-ed duopoly to regulated diversity. It was a generous view and included the wish to animate the regions by reduc-ing the dominance of London-centred broadcasting.

As resources permitted, a move to structural variation of C4 in Scotland and Wales was envisaged. The vision largely survived Parliament and was carried into the first programme pol-icy of the Independent Broadcasting Authority in 1982.

Fourteen years later no amount of style can conceal the fact that the vision has faded. Half the C4 broadcasts are of overseas origin and about 80 per cent of the rest are made within the area of the M25 motorway.

Although the output goes down well, particularly in Scotland, the is-

### sue remains that C4 has found diver-sity in ways far removed from An-

nan's original conception. When Sir Kenneth Clark, later Lord Clark, set up ITV in the Fifties as its first chairman he had a loose remit but chose to create a rich mosaic of regional ITV companies.

C4 was also intended to complement the BBC, both having network responsibilities to the regions. Annan found only 4.4 per cent of BBC programming came from Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, where 17 per cent of the audience lives, and judged that too low. The contribution has since fallen to 3 per cent, as the BBC's 1000 annual report shows.

Rather than animate the regions, public broadcasting seems to be concentrating on the Greater London area. By doing so it calls into question the stewardship, by the Independent Television Commission and the Department of National Heritage, of the notion of regulated diversity.

British diversity in British broadcasting ought to come before any pri-

to a highly developed set of features

hidden deeper in the card which will

only be detectable through specialist

Any developments in card technol-

ogy which could further improve se-

curity, such as the inclusion of a fin-

gerprint-type identifier, will naturally

direct benefits to those who carry it,

and will help to prevent crimes such

as fraud and forgery. Of those who

responded to our consultation paper

64 per cent supported the idea of some

form of identity card and we are con-

vinced that it will prove a useful -

and secure - addition to our everyday

The voluntary ID card will bring

Yours sincerely, NIGEL R. SMITH, Chairman. Broadcasting for Scotland. 74 Victoria Crescent Road, Glasgow 12 September 3.

examination.

be kept under review.

### ID card security

#### From the Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, Mr Peter Tompkins's fears (letter, August 30) about the new United Kingdom identity card are totally groundless. The issuing and checking procedures for these cards will be at least as secure as those already carried out for the issue of United Kingdom passports.

The United Kingdom Passport Ag-ency itself will be very closely involved in the process. The new card is not a replacement for the British Visitor's Passport, which was, in fact, phased out on security grounds.

Sophisticated technology is being used to produce a number of security controls in the cards which will deter even the most determined forger. These will range from security devices similar to those used on bank notes up

#### September 2. Despite the Government, there is a

ANN WIDDECOMBE.

Queen Anne's Gate, SWI.

Yours faithfully,

Home Office

### Romania's future

### From Mr Nicolae Ratiu

nt Iliescu of Ro. ania's jobs under his predecessor Nicolae Ceausescu was that of Minister of Propaganda. Your 16-page supplement of August 26 — for which a certain Unimedia Limited was "solely responsible" - was the sort of anachronism of propaganda one would have expected from communist bloc countries in the 1960s.

At least the Romanian people no longer swallow such propaganda. After six years with Iliescu in power their standard of living is 25 per cent lower than in the days of Ceausescu. Any business successes will have been principally achieved through corrupt government patronage and the creaming-off of state assets by

those in positions of power. In local elections in March the governing party came a poor second to the opposition. In November this year there will be a general election. If, as expected, the opposition wins. Romania will be the most interesting country in Eastern Europe in which to invest. The raw materials and possibilities are all

#### vibrant private sector on which to build and the people are brimming with enthusiasm for integration with One can only hope that something resembling a fair election may be

Yours faithfully NICOLAE RATIU (President, World Union of Free Romanians (UK)). 54-62 Regent Street, W1. August 30.

### From Mr A. E. Sykes

Sir. I was appalled to read in the article on tourism in your Romanian supplement that "Romania claims to be the only country in Europe where you can still hunt brown bears, with more than 6,000 left".

I can't imagine going anywhere on holiday to shoot bears. I wonder how many brown bears in Romania would need to be shot before they are no longer a viable tourist attraction?

Yours faithfully, ALAN E. SYKES, 63 Tarnwood Park, Eltham. SE9. August 29.

### **Booing the Bard**

### From Mr Michael Newte

#### Sir, Many years ago I decided to take a party of 12 and 13 year-olds to a performance of Macbeth, hoping that the action and fighting in the "Scottish

Play" would engage their interest. Alas! the first few minutes disillusioned me: whispering and shuffling began almost immediately and I feared the worst. But very fortunately one of Macbeth's army dropped his shield and it fell into the orchestra pit-Thenceforth rapt attention prevailed and afterwards, "What a smashing play, Sir", "Thank you so much, Sir", and "I never thought Shakespeare

was like that". Perhaps Ms Celia Parker, who complains (letter, August 30; see also letter August 26) of the behaviour of schoolchildren in the theatres of South Yorkshire, could go into the green room before "curtain up" and arrange something with one of the players.

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL NEWTE. The Barn House, Rose Lane, Ripley, Surrey. September 2.

### Cleopatra's Needle

### From Mrs Miranda Cnattingius

Sir, Leaving Cleopatra's Needle where it is (letters, August 28, September 3) and banning the use of private cars in the centre of London might prove to be of benefit to the people of London as well as the obelisk. Their lungs, though not of granite, should also be rose red.

Yours faithfully, MIRANDA CNATTINGIUS. 17 Laurel Road, SW13. September 3.

### Homosexual parents

### From Miss Helen Reece

#### Sir. The case of the two gay men who have paid an American woman to have a child for them (report, September 2) raises absolutely no new issues: surrogacy has been an established practice for centuries, and there are thousands of lesbians and gay men bringing up children, whether as a result of heterosexual relationships or of private artificial insemination

arrangements. The arrangement which this couple made was an imaginative and creative way of starting a family: the fact that money changed hands is merely an indication of how strong their desire was to have a child.

The last thing which these parents, or indeed parents generally, need is more laws, or more supervision by social workers. The problem for parents is too much interference, which has led to an unprecedented crisis of confidence in parenting. Parents have the right, and the capacity, to bring up their children as they see fit, free of qu state intervention.

The Reverend Bill Wallace argues that these parents have placed gay rights above the child's "basic right to have a normal upbringing in a stable, loving, heterosexual home": children have no such right - indeed the very idea of a right to be born into a particular environment is quite absurd. In contrast, lesbians and gay men make as good parents as heterosex-uals and should have an equal right to

be parents. Yours sincerely. HELEN REECE (Convener), Freedom and Law, c/o PO Box 7, 64 Goodge Street, W). September 2.

### From Mr W. Pollock

useless buildings which English Heri-

Yours faithfully, BILL POLLOCK, 51 Giblands Park, September 2.

### Bargain bride?

### From Mrs R. G. Currey

Sir, Mr Roy Sallabank (letter, August 24), commenting on a B&O DIY store's proposal to offer weddings (report, August 21), presumes that pensioners using this facility will still get their 10 per cent off on Wednesdays.

groom.

RONA CURREY,

Pear Tree Cottage,

Castletown, Isle of Man.

**Forthcoming** 

marriages



### COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 3: The Prince Edward. Patron, this evening attended a Promenade Concert given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 3: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Agricultural Society of England, today attended the Council Meeting at the National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh Park, and was received by Mr Martin Dunne (Deputy Lieutenant

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE

September 3: The Duke of Kent today attended the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition, Farnborough, Hampshire, and was met on arrival by Brigadier Robert Long (Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire).

#### Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Farmborough International Aerospace Exhibition 1996 at Farnberough at 11.10.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend Realities and Dreams international conference on residential child care at Strathclyde University. John Anderson Campus. Glasgow, at 9.30; and, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will open the Shiresmill Riding Centre. Shiresmill, by Dunfermline, at noon.

### **Anniversaries** today

BIRTHS: Alexander III, King of Scotland 1249-86, Roxburgh, 1241: Robert South, clergyman, Hackney, 1634; François René, Vicomte de Chateaubriand, politician and writer, St Malo. 1768: Anton Bruckner, composer, Ansfelden, Austraia, 1824; Darius Milhaud, composer, Aix-en-Provence, 1892; Richard Wright, novelist, Natchez, Mississippi, 1908.

DEATHS: Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, favourite of Queen Elizabeth I, Cornbury. Oxfordshire, 1588; the Hon Charles Townshend, statesman, London, 1767; James Wyatt, architect. Marlbrough. Wiltshire, 1813; Edvard Grieg. composer, Bergen, Norway, 1907; Albert Schweitzer, missionary, physician, philo-sopher and musician, Nobel Peace laureate 1952. Lambaréné, Gabon, 1965; Georges Simenon, novelist, Lausanne.

The world's first Boy Scout raily was held at Crystal Palace, south London, 1909. Wilhelmina, Queen of The Netherlands since 1890. abdicated in favour of her daughter. Juliana. 1948. The Forth Road Bridge

Dinner

opened, 1964.

**English-Speaking Union** Mrs Valerie Mitchell. Director-General of the English-Speaking Union, opened the ESU 1996 Cultural Seminar in the Old Cambridge, vesterday.

Mrs Ann Dummett, former

director, Runnymede Trust, 66;

Mr Mike Gapes, MP, 44; Lord

Howell, 73: Sir Nicholas Jackson.

### Birthdays today

Miss Joan Aiken, novelist, 72; Professor Anthony Atkinson. Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford, 52: Sir Hubert Bennett, architect, 87: Miss Ann Burdus, marketing and advertising executive, 63: Sir John Charnley, consultant in advanced technology, 74: Air Marshal Sir John Cheshire, 54; Sir Michael Day, former chairman, Commission for Racial Equality, 63; Mr Peter Drew, former chairman, Taylor Woodrow, 69:

organist. 62: Mr Bill Kenwright. theatrical impresario. 51: Mr Dinsdale Landen, actor, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir David Lee, 84; Sir William Mars-Jones, 81; Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, 59: Lord Sandhurst, 76; the Earl of Stair, 35; Mr Tom Watson, golfer, 47.

#### **Premium Bonds**

The following Premium Bond prize winners were announced yesterday: \$100,000: ISMF 966US, winner has a

holding of £6,003 and comes from Oxfordshire: 43TW 064065, £20,000, Kent; 26GP 858796, £8,450. Somerset: 25CF 553525. £17.200, Essex. #50 000: 47BP \$26129, £19,030. Cheshire: 33LS 608399, £19,522.

Norfolk; IOQS 0739.22, £20,000, Cornwall; 42MP 705705, £10,670. East Sussex: 4PZ 661713. £102, Co Londonderry; 63QW 879368, £6,000,

£25,000: 31LB 043938, £10,000. Devon: 27HL 216208, £5,000, West Sussex: 16CF 890666, £4,023, London Borough of Barnet; 30ZS 391980. £1,400. Merseyside: 21ET 313453. £9,600. Shropshire: 30EW 957830. London Borough of Tower Hamlets; 21GN 133018, £19.935, Gwent: 45DK 752472, E19,960, North Humberside; 48GS 042731. E2,044. Dorset: 39KT 729971, E2,750, Essex: 54QT 730632, E13,153, Hertfordshire: 26VL 530608, £1.075. Devon; 35JP 663646, £20,000,

BIRTHS

DENGEMANS - On September 1st 1996, to Katherine (née Jorwiak) and Timothy, a daughter, Rebecca Grace

GEL.-On 16th August 1996, to Alexandra (née Faulkner) and John, a beautiful daughter, Jessica Lydia

HICKOX - On August 15th in Cornwall, to Pamela and Richard, a wonderful son,

**DEATHS** 

MERY - Julian (Lord Amer)

Lustleigh). On 3r September, 1996, peacefull at home in London Pather of the London Pather of Links

Leo, Louise, Tessa and Lizzia Feneral Service private on Thursday, 5th September,

buriai at Lustleigh. Devenshire. A Memoriai Service will be appropria

Next bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich The Right Rev Richard Lewis,

Church news

Suffragan Bishop of Taunton, diocese of Bath & Wells, is to be Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Inswich in succession to the Right Rev John Dennis, who retires at the end of this month.

Other appointments

The Rev David Runcom. Vicar. (London): to be Director of Pastoral and Evangelism Studies. Trinity College, Bristol. The Rev Jackie Searle, Assistant

(London): to be part-time lecturer, Trinity College, Bristol. The Rev Richard Stone. Vicar. Osbaldwick w Murton (York): to be Team Vicar, The Willington Team, in charge of Battle Hill Good Shepherd

Curate, Ealing St Stephen Castle Hill

Canon Peter Swain, Priest-in-charge, Bromfield w Waverton, and West Newton, and Rural Dean of Solway: to be also Team Leader, Council for Agriculture and Rural Life (Carlisle).



Julia Somerville, left, the ITN newscaster, and Richard Branson, after the memorial service at St Bride's yesterday

### Memorial service for Miss Joan Thirkettle

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Miss Joan Thirkettle, ITN news reporter, was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Miss Julia Somerville read the lesson. Miss Daisy Wallace, daughter, read *The Desiderata*, and Michael Wallace, son, read from Lewis Carroll's Through the Looking-Glass. Mr Stewart Purvis, Chief Executive of ITN, Miss Sarah Dickinson and Mr Richard Branson gave addresses. Among others present were: Mr and Mrs John Thirkettle (brother and sister-in-law), Mr James Thirkettle, Miss Emma

Aldenham School

ends on December 12.

**Bedford High School** 

The Threepenny Opera will be per-formed on December 4. S. 6 and 7 at Bedford School. Term ends on December 13 following the carol services at St Peter's Church,

The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust) includes in its aims the provision of high quality education for girls. Charity registration no: 204817.

Michaelmas Term at Churcher's College begins today. The Bursar, Group Captain Robin Bennett, retires

Group Captain Robin Bennett, retires after eleven years service and his successor is Mr David Robbins from Eastleigh College. Angharad Jones and Joe Billyard are Captains of College and Fiona Shaw and Thomas Crawley are Head Girl and Head Boy of Churcher's College Junior School. Speech Day is to be held on Thursday. October 24, when the Rev

Nicolas Stacey will be the guest speaker. Half-term is from October 25 to November 4. The Carol Service

at St Peter's Church will be on

Tuesday, December 10, at 7.30pm.

Term ends on Friday, December 13.

The Christmas Term at Douai began

on Monday. Head Prefect is James

Bairstow and Captain of Rugby is Alfred Kamya. The 15-a-side Rugby Festival takes place on Sunday, September 8. An Open Day for prospective pupils and their parents

takes place on October 12 and an evening for prospective South Form

pupils takes place on November 15.

Donai School Woolhampton

Churcher's College

Thirkettle: Sir Edward Pickering (master, Guild of St Bride), Dame Susan Tinson, Sir David and Lady Nicholas.

Mr Jonathan Wallace, Mrs Pauline Heard. Mr John Renton, Mr Alex Renton, Mr Fred Renton, Mr Richard Tait, Mr Andrew Tilley, Mr Trevor McDonald, Mr Brian Nicholson, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, Mr Simon Bucks, Mr Joshua Rozenberg, Mr Mervyn Hall, Mr Mark Popescu, Mrs Susan Gentleman, Mrs Anna Terez Newton Dunn, Miss Daisy Newton Dunn. Mr Alastair Stewart.

Mr John Suchet, Dr Jeffrey Tobias. Miss

Harriet Swatman, Mr Nigel Dacre, Mr John Parker, Mr John Bird, Mr Martyn Gregory. Miss Sue Inglish, Miss Laura Dugdale, Mr John Sharman, Miss Anne Perkins, Mr Peter West, Mr Robin Barter, Miss J Mitchell, the Rev Tom Devonshire Jones, Ms Alma Taft, Mr Adam Holloway, Mr James McGee, Mr John Dickie, Mr Michael Bukht (programme controller, Classic FM) with other members of staff; Ms Fiona Macpherson (Editor, Harpers & Queen), Mr Paddy Coulter (Oxfam), Mrs Lisa Parkes (Walton Theatre Collection) and many friends and other colleagues from ITN,

### School news

Christmas Term begins today for the 380 pupils at Aldenham School, the largest number in the school's hist-The Doual Choral Society Concert will be performed in the Abbey Church on November 30 and term ends after the Carol Service on ory. School Captain is Richard Harory, School capain is Rectain indi-rey. The Sixth Form Taylor Woodrow Industrial Conference is on Novem-ber 15. Open Aftermoons at 2.30pm will take place on October 5 for 11+ entry and October 12 for 13+ and 16+. Hamlet is performed on December 5. 6. 7. The Old Afternamian dinner December 13. Eltham College

The Autumn term commences at Eltham College today and will end on December 13. Dr P. Condren and Dr P. Page take over as First and Second 7. The Old Aidenhamian dinner will be held on November 15. The Carol Service is on December 8. Term Deputy Head on the retirement of Mr J. Somerville-Meikle. There will be a Choral Concert on November 21 and The Winter's Tale will be performed on December 4-6. The Old Ethamians Winter Reunion will be The Autumn Term at Bedford High School begins today. The Head Girl is Beatrice Woodfield and the Deputy Head Girls are Billie Bingham. Caroline Mostowfi and Chantelle held on December 7 and the Carol Services on December 8 (Senior) and Wildman. Harvest Sale day is Sat-urday. September 14. Old Girls welcome. Prize Day will be on Saturday. November 9, at Ham. The Joint Production with Bedford School December 10/11 (Junior).

Eton College opens today for the Michaelmas Half. With 250 new boys the total in the School is 1289. R.B.R. Harrison KS is Captain of the School and G.D. Cook OS Captain of the

Opputars.

The Eton Action Fair will be held on Saturday, September 21. Charter Day Short Leave will be from September 28 to 30, the School Play Festival from October 10 to 13 and Long Leave from

There will be services of Confirma-tion in College Chapel, conducted by the Bishop of Buckingham, on November 16 and 17, St Andrew's Day will be celebrated on Saturday. November 23, and the Carol Service will be on December 8. School closes on December 11.

Michaelmas Term begins today. Guy Levell is Head Boy and Patrick. Drought is Captain of Rugby Foot-21 — Old Exonian Dinner. 7.30pm; September 26 — Open Evening, 6.00-9.00pm; October 14 — Speech Day. Speaker Sir Geoffrey Holland, 7.30pm; November 27-30 — School Drama Production The Pirates of Penzance: December 10 and 11 Aristmas Concerts. Term ends

The Godolphin School, Salisbury The Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 5, 1996, when Miss Jill Horsburgh takes over as Head-mistress. Lucy Polson continues as Head Girl, with Victoria Jenkins as her deputy. We welcome all past pupils to Commen at the School on

PERSONAL

Saurday, September 24, and to the Commen Service in Westminster Abbey at 4.30pm on Saurday, November 9, in the Henry VII Chapel. The new Performing Arts Centre opens in December. Term ends after the Carol Service in Salisbury Cathedral at 2.00pm on Wednesday, December 11.

Kimbolton School

Term starts today with Mark Klein. Head Boy and Zoe Bee, Head Girl. Founders' Day is on October 25. Old Kimboltonians' Day is on October 26 when matches in the afternoon will be followed in the evening by the AGM and Annual Dinner in the Saloon. The School Musical will be performed in the Lewis Hall on December 4. 5, 6 and 7. The Senior Carol Service will be held at 11.30am on December 11. term ends at 11.30am

The King's School, Ely

The Michaelmas term begins today. The Catherine Needham's Art Centre will be fully operational; the Technol-ogy Centre and the Junior School ogy Centre and the Junior School extension and Music Department will be opened; and Acremont House together with its new Nursery will be located in enlarged and refurbished accommodation. There will be an Open Morning for prospective sixth-formers and their parents on Sat-urday, October 19. The Admission of King's and Ouser's Scholars will rake king's and Queen's Scholars will take place at Cathedral Evensong on Friday, November 22; the preacher at the Service will be the Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull. The Service School production of Michael Bishop of Durham, the Right Rev Michael Turnbull. The Service School production of A Michael Bishop Michael Bishop of Service of A Michael Bishop tion of A Midsummer Night's Dream will be staged in the Hayward Theatre on December 5, 6 and 7. The Old Elean Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 19. The King's School, Ely is a registered charity which exists for the education of children. Scheme Reference 311440.

Pocklington School, York The Michaelmas Term at Pockling-ton School, York, begins today, Joint Heads of School will be Paul Costello and Sophie Lane. Commemoration and Speech Day will be on Saturday. October 19. Old Pocklingtonian Day will take place at the School on Saturday, December 7. An Old Pock-lingtonian Evening will take place in London on Friday, October 4. The term will end with the Carol Service on Friday, December 13.

Queen Margaret's School, York Autumn Term begins on Thursday, September 5, and ends after the Junior and Senior Carol Services on December 11. Alice Dartyshire is Head Girl and Captain of Hockey. Amelia Williams Deputy Head Girl. and Elizabeth Hague is Captain of Lacrosse. Mr Roman Rudnytsky will give a piano masterclass and recitals give a pain installance and rectain con November 18. The Choral Society concert takes place on November 10 and the musical Kiss Me Kate will be performed on November 27, 28, 30 and December I. The Old Margaret-ians Association reunion will take place at the school on September 21.

Truro High School for Girls

The Autumn term begins today with 450 pupils on roll. Head Girl is Charlotte Callert and Deputy Head Girl is Phillippa Meaken. Mr Robert Young takes up his post as Director of Music. Mrs Judith Barnfield joins the DE department. Mrs Align. Miller PE department, Mrs Alison Miller joins the staff of the Preparatory School and Mr Richard Heywood joins the staff to teach Business Studies. The Carol Service will be held in Truro Cathedral on Tuesday December 10, and Prizegiving will be in Truro Cathedral on Thursday. December 12, when the guest of honour will be Viscountess Pal mouth. Term ends on December 12.

Warwick School

Michaelmas Term starts today at Warwick School. The Rev Andrew Gough takes up his position as Chaplain. The Head of School is Crispiani. The read of School is Timothy Wurr. The new buildings for Music, Drama. history and geog-raphy have been completed. Speech Day takes place on Thursday, Octoher 17, when the Guest of Honour will be the Right Rev Simon Barrington-Ward, the Bishop of Coventry, Old ber 14 and 15, 1996. The Christmas Concert will be held on Wednesday. December 18, and term ends with the Upper School Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 2.00pm on Friday. December 20.

Woldingham School

The School Year begins today Hannah Kiernan continues as Head Girl. The Woldingham Society Annual Re-union is on Sunday October 6. Information about Open Day on Saturday. October 5. may be obtained from the Registrar (Tel: 01883 349431). The Autumn Term

#### and Miss C.M. Pepper The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr The engagement is announced between James, second son of and Mrs David Scott, of Upton Grey, Hampshire, and Clare, West Burton, Sussex, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Biscoe-Taylor, of Great daughter of Colonel and Mrs Edward Pepper, of Winslow. Buckinghamshire.

Gemeentehuis, Alsemberg, and at

the Pro-Cathedral of the Holy

Trinity, Brussels, between Mr

Graham Barnes, elder son of Dr Colin and Dr Marian Barnes, of

Woodford Green. Essex. and Miss

Willemien Meursing, daughter of

De Heer and Mevrouw Meursing (Baronesse van Utenhove), of Alsemberg, Belgium. The Rev

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at The Priory, Pamber End, Hampshire.

of Mr Mark Gray-Spencer, son of Mr and Mrs John Gray-Spencer.

of Sydney. Australia, to Miss Rosalind Capel, daughter of the

late Captain William Capel and of Mrs Capel, of Brook Green, London, The Rev John Hamilton

officiated.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her uncle, Major Johnnie Lewis, was attended by Harriet, Olivia and Sophia Hungerford, and Charlotte and Farleigh Hungerford. Mr Scott

Gray-Spencer was best man.
A reception was held at the home
of the bride's great auni.

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, in the Cathedral of All Saints, London, of

Mr Sampson Hanbury, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hanbury, to Miss

Anne Samarine, daughter of the

late Mr Serge Samarine and of Mrs Samarine. The Rev Father

Michael Fortouratto officiated.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Ivan Samarine, was attended by the

bridegroom's five nieces, and the

icon was carried by Horatio

Greenough. Mr Stephen Edwards and Mr Stuart Yates were best

A reception was held at the Royal Geographical Society, and

the honeymoon is being spent in

The marriage took place on August 31, 1996, at Christ Church, East Sheen, of Mr Jonathan Oyler, younger son of Mr and Mrs John

Oyler, and Miss Sue Hanger,

younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Hanger.

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a reception held last night at West-

minster Council House to witness the

re-inauguration of the Paddington

Mayoral Chair. The Clergy and Members of St James's. Sussex Gardens, and councillors were

the Pacific

Mr J. Oyler

Reception

and Miss S. Hanger

Mr P.N.S. Hanbury

and Miss A. Samarine

John Cotton officated.

Mr M.A. Gray-Spencer and Miss R.E.M. Capel

**Marriages** Mr G.J. Barnes and Miss W.D. Mcursing The marriage took place on Saturday, August 31, 1996, at the

Mr K. French and Miss F.R. Hampden The engagement is announced between Kevin, son of Mr and Mrs Ernest French, of Royston. Hertfordshire, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Hampden. of Wellington, Somerset Mr G.C. Frost

Mr J.A. Byng and Miss J.J. Biscoe-Taylor

Colonel and Mrs Arthur Byng, of

Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss E.A. Hughes The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Anthony and Judy Prost, of Alderney, Channel Islands, and Elaine, daughter of Graham and Leny Hughes, of Knokke-Heist, Belgium.

Mr R.J. Gray and Miss H.J. Letts

The engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr N.G. Gray and the late Mrs Gray, of Darlington. County Durham, and Harriet, younger daughter of the late Mr R.F. Letts and of Mrs Letts, of Blean, Kent. Lieutenant N.H. Hastilow and Miss V.J. Chapman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Captain and Mrs Richard Hastilow, of Liss, Hampshire, and Victoria, daughter of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Chapman, of Escrick Park, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.A. Mace

The engagement is announced between Colin, youngest son of Mr J.K. Mace, of Northwood, Middlesex, and Mrs I.E. Mace, of Chelsea, London, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Horan, of Plumpton, East Sussex. Mr C.E. Macquaker and Miss S.A.R. Peters

The engagement is announced between Charles Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Macquaker. of Blackbyres, by Ayr, and Sarah Alexandra, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ross Peters, of Brae of Auchendrane, by Avr.

Mr W.J. McLeod Scott and Miss J.E. Lineker The engagement is announced between William, eldest son of Mr and Mrs William McLeod Scott, of Damascus, Syria, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Lineker, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr R.C.P. Peppiette and Miss Z.E.N. Appleton

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr Geoff Peppiette, of Dauborn. Germany, and of Mrs Alma Peppiette, of Hamilton, Lanarkshire, and Zelie, elder daughter of the late Mr Joshua Appleton and of Mrs Dorothy Appleton, of Icklesham, East

Mr G.M.C. Rasch

and Miss F.J.C. Hulse The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Major David Rasch and the late Lady Anne Rasch, of Heale House, Woodford, of Mr and Mrs Richard Hulse of The Old Chapel, Netton, Salisbury.

Latest wills

Louis Philip Mendals, of Fowey, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,946,408 net. EL, PRO, 400 IRE.
He left £200,000 to be split between each
of the following: St John Ambulance;
Fred Loverings House £1d of Capera, St
Ausstell: Mount £60cumbe Hospica,
Forthpean; Jevish Blind and Physically
Handicapped Society, London: British
Red Cross; Jewish Weifare Board;
Barnardor; Cancer Research Campaign;
Fowey hospital and Weifare committee;

Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund: Salvation Army: Restormed Associon Mental Health. St Austrell: Mr Scierosis Society: Friends of M David Adom in GB of Woburn 1

Olive Nina Hyde Clarke, of Norwich, left estate valued at £1.946,101 net.

She left £1.000 each to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Friends of Norwich Cathedrai; vicar and churchwardens of Christchurch, Eaton, Norwich; RNLI, Poole, Dorset.

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Addition JAMES All of my love today and always. Happy birth-day! Your Jojo.

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with you on reaching such a grand old age!

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**DEATHS** 

BLACKSTONE - On 31st Augus 1996, to Pippa (ne Hargreaves) and Tim, a son Barnaby Fraser Timothy, brother for Harriette an ENTTON - On 29th August, to Caroline (née Laming) and Edward, a daughter, Sophie Eleanor Gurney, a sister for

O1524 32330.

CARR-Tragically as the result of an accident on August 24th, whilst on holiday in Greece aged 42 years, David William, Solicitor of Blyth, Northumberland. Dearly beloved husband of Diane, loving Daddy of Richard and Julia. Thanksgiving Service to be held at the United Reformed Church, Waterloo Road. Blyth. on Saturday

topeson - On August 28th 1996, in California, to Paula and Robert, a son, Aidan HORMBUCKLE - On 29th August at University Rospital, Nottingham, to Hospital, Nottingali, Cathy (née Murray) and Mark, a beautiful daughter finity Bose. Congratulation to grandparents Joan Brandan, Esth and Don.

itheir omens, and make fools of diviners; I reverse what wise men say and make non-sense of their sense of their sense. BLAKELY - Dr. Edith, on 1st September at home aged 89 years. Beloved wife for stary years of Dr. Philip Blakely, much loved mother of David. much loved mother of David Naomi and john, very dear grandmother and great grandmother amgrandmother. Funeral grandmother. Funeral grandmother. Funeral grandmother at 3 pm. followed by interment. Family flowers only. CAMPBELL - On September 1st at King's College, to Clare and Christy, a son, Joseph Conor, a brother for Katy and

(Olsos) 27222.

BROWN - Robert Walter on 31st August 1996 suddenly aged 65 years of Woodbury (formerly of Westbury on Trym, Bristol), beloved husband of Joyce and father of Elebard. "With Christ". Funeral Service Friday &th Funeral Service Friday 6th September Mint Methodist September Mint Methodist
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Collowed by interment. All
conquiries to M. Sillifant &
Soms (0.1992) 272-688.

CARILE - Monica Mary died
peacefully in Jersey CL on
Monday 2nd September
1996, aged 85 years, much
loved mother and
grandmother. Enquiries to
Pitcher & Le Quesne Ltd
Fuseral Directors Tel:
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CARRE. Tracically as the people

Road, Siyth, on Saturday September 7th at 10.30 am to be followed by private cremation. Friends please

cremation. Friends please accept this invitation to meet at the church. Domations in Hent of Howers to the RNLL Blyth Bennch, 19 Carlton Street, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 2DR. CHALOMER - Mary Constance, beloved sister of Joan, died peacefully in hospital September 1st aged 82 years after a short illness. Functal Service at St Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road, London SW12 at 2.30 pm on September 10th followed by cremation at Lambeth September 10th rollowed of cremation at Lambeth cremation at Lambeth Cremation at Lambeth Cremationin, Blackshaw Rosd, 5W17. Family flowers cally, Donations to St Luke's Church, Battersas, c/o 14 Hendrick Avenue, London SW12 or League of Friends, Bolingbroke Hospital, 5W11. Enquiries to E. Lamer & Son, (0171) 223-5432.

DEATHS COOMES - Formerly of Stone House, Pewsey, Witshire and Hopton House, Diss, Notick: Betty, widower of Bobby Coombs, mother of Marcus, Andrew and Alicia. Loving grandmother of Piers, Rollo, Lucinda, Edward, Thomas, Alicia, and Rollo, Lucinda, Edward, Thomas, Alicia and Charlotte Funezal Service at Dunany Church, Co. Louth, Irels and Thursday 5th September at 12 noon. A Memorial Service to be held at 5t Andrews Church, Shrivenham 24th September at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but denastions if wished to Injured Jockeys Fund.

de SAUSMAREZ - Lt. Col. H.J.

S. V. Late 2nd/1st Gurkha
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Martins Church, Guernsey,
2.30 pm Friday 6th
September, Donations
Gurkha Weifare Trust, 3rd
Floor, 88 Baker Street,
London Wi.

DORMAN - On 2nd September 1996, Lt. Col. Sir Charles Geoffrey Dorman Bt. M.C.

Over Norton, Oxon. OX/SFP.

EDWARDS - Tim, on 30th Angust, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Brends, loving father and grandfather. Frivate Cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at Upton Bishop Church on Monday 9th September at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Upton Bishop Church, c/o Abbotsfield foneral Energies Boston-Wye, tel: (01989) 562762. Memorial Service in London at St Peter's Church, Eaton Square, on Monday 18th Rovember at 11 zm.

BILKS - Tune Irene (man)

Gilks - June Irene (née Hopewell) on September Ist suddenly at home, beloved wife of Michael, greatly loved mother of Tossa, Simon and Toby and adoring grandmother of Di-Di. A much loved and gentle person who will be sorely missed. Foneral Service on Saturday September 7th at 12.30 pm at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath. Flowers Crematorium, Bath. Flowers or enquiries to Hill & Son Funeral Director, 20 St nemas Street, Wells, Somerset, tel: (01749) 673397.

GOLDHAWK - On September 2nd 1996 Constance Freda aged 88 years, dearly loved wife of Norman and dear mother of David, Alison and Janice and grandmother of Christopher, Katy and Jennifer. Funeral Service at St Martin's Church, Dorking, on Thursday 12th September at 1.45 pm. Family flowers only.

service at All Samits Camen, Banstead, on Friday 6th September at 2 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Lest We Forget Association c/o WA Truelovs & Son, 121 High Street, Banstead.

HART - Denis L. Win-Commander (retd.) suddenly at home on August 30th. Service on September 5th at 4 pm at St John's Evangelical Church, Lacey Green Buckinghamshire, prior to cremation. Family flows c/o Surman and Horwood Funeral Directors, High Street, Princes Risborough,

HAYMAN - Peacefully in his sleep on 28th August 1996, Richard John, of Sidmouth, aged 86 years. Beloved husband of the late Marjoris husband of the late Marjorie Mary Hayman. Foneral Service at Putney Vale Cemetery, London on Monday September 9th at 2.15 gm. Family flowurs only but donations, if desired, to Stimouth Hospital Conforts Fund, c/o Potbury's Funeral Service, High Street, Stidmouth, please.

DEATHS MEARLE - janet September 2nd 1996 (peacefully) at a nursing home late of Comber, N. Ireland and formerly of Bridgend S. Wales, beloved wife of Duncan and much loved mother of Catherine. Service of Thanksgiving in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick, Co. Down, N. Ireland tomorrow Thursday 5th September at 11 am and afterwards to Roselawn Crematorium for 130 pm. Family flowers only by request, donations in memory, if desired, to The Patient Comforting Fund, Comber Clinic, c/o Gilmore Puneral Directors, 45 Castle

GROVER - Enth Mary died peacefully on 2nd September after a short illness, widow of Frank and much loved and loving mother of Elizabeth and Roger and grandmother of Caroline, Sally, Matthew, Louise and Tom. Private cremation followed by a service at All Saints Church, Eanstead, on Friday 6th

Comber Climic, e76 Galaurre Funeral Directors, 45 Castle Street, Combes, BT23 5DV, NL Bemembered with love by her sorrowing Rusband, Daughter, Son-In-law Mark, Granddaughter Victoria and

EARNE - Daphne of Co. Kerr and Parnham Common, die meAnue - Depime of to Aerry and Paraham Common, died pascefully in Kerry on 2nd September 1996. Funeral in Kerry 4th September. No flowers. Donations to Thanes Valley Hospice. FRCP. on 23rd August at home in Norfolk, formerly of Nairobi. Very beloved husband for 56 years of Patricia, father of Richard, Victoria and Roderick,

lowers or denations to

Cancer Research c/o f.W. Paine, 265 Ewell Road.

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man of dedication and integrity Funeral September 13th. Enquiries to David Turner Funeral Services (01842) 761333. son of Cynthia and Geoff and friend to many. Will be sadly missed. Funeral will take place Friday 6th September at Kingston Crematorium at 4 pm.

Exceptional

HOLMES - Mary Allen (Jane) on 2nd September 1996, unexpectedly but peacefully. Widow of Col. LD.W. Holmes of Mexico City. acceptional mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Requiem Mass on Monday 9th September at 5t Joseph's Catholic Church, Newbury at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to ENID.

DEATHS

HOW - Raymond Arthur, died peacefully at home on 31st August 1996 from leukaemia. Dearest husband to Phype (Welbourn), he was the most wonderful father of Jeremy and Victoria (How) and to Lucy, Rosa, Tim, Ben and Candida (Chilman). He has now joined dear Mary who died in 1987. Fameral Service at the Church of the Holy Cross, Avening, Tetbury on Monday 9th September at 2.30 pm. Family Rowers only, but donations if wished between the Edward Jeaner Unit at Gloucestorshire Royal Hospital and The Mary How Trust for Cancer Detection and Prevention, Pulborough,

HUMPHREY - Percy Bertra "Dick" on 1st September pencerully aged 89. Woking Crematorium Monday 9th September 12.30 pm. Family RICK - Edward Peter of

KEMERCK - Edward Peter of Blakeshall, Worcestershire on 30th August aged 86. Much loved husband of Betty, Lather of Elizabeth, David and Sam, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private family creuntion. Thanksgiving Service at St John the Baytist, Wolvniey, on Friday 27th September at 12 noon. No flowers but donations if desired to Onium or to The Wolverley Charity (\*e Morton Fisher Solicitors, 18 Load Street, Bewilley, Worcs. AMETON - Pauline peacefully at home at Newmarket on Monday 2nd September

Monday 2nd September 1996 aged 73 years. Widow of the late Edward George Lambton. Funeral Service at St Agnes Church, Newmarket on Monday 7th September at 12 noon followed by interment in the Newmarket Cametery. Flowers may be sent of Southgete F/D, 25 Duchess Brive, Newmarket, Saffolk.

LANCASTER - (Née Davies) on August 29th peacafully aged 87 years, Dame Jean D.H.E., door sister of Rick Devies, beloved aunt of Susan and Julian. Service at Thoraton

DEATHS Macedon, Anstralia, Sir John Feter Daniel aged 81, beloved husband of Gwen and father of Judith, Angela, David, the late Penelope, Sarah and John and grandfather of ten and grandfather of one. Pumeral at 12 noon at St Paul's Anglican Church, Gisborne, on Thursday September 5th.

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MARTIM - Dr. John Francis
peacefully after a short
illness at the Ayrshire
Hospice on Monday 2nd
September 1996. Dearly
loved heuband of Rose and
brother of sister Mary
Theress. Sedly missed by all
the family, RLP. Reception of
temains at St Margaret's R.C.
Church, Ayr, on Thursday
5th September 7 pm. Foureal
Mass on Friday 6th
September at 10 am,
thereafter to Ayr Cemetery.
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METTHES - David Passee. Aged 73 years after a long illness bravely borne with great good humour. Beloved dusband of Constance, devoted father of Diana, Rosemary and Marthew, adored grandpa of Katle, Kim, Hannah, Sally, fo and Alex and very greatly missed by his brothers, sister and stepsisters and their families. Funemi Service to take place on Friday 6th September at St Mary's Church, Pairford at 11:30 am followed by interment in the New Barial Ground, Pairford. Afterwards all are very welcome at East End House for lunch. Flowers or donations to the NSPCC or the Fairford Cottage Hospital League of Fridays may be sent to Cowley & Son Ltd., Triangle House, 62 Victoria Road, Cirencestor, Glox, GL7 1ES, telephone: (01285) 653298.

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MÜLLER - OR September 2nd suddenly at home, Vera Grace (née Smenton). Beloved wife, mother and Nana. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Wednesday September 11th at Worthing Crematorium. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd. 259 Goring Road, Goring, Worthing, teli (01903) 249913.

O'DOMMELI - Consal McDonach. (01903) 249913.

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MBE (Military) TD, ER

retired, SOE, Force 133 in

the Balkans. Died September

1st aged 81 in Dereham,

Norfolk. Loved and missed

by his family Teddy, Consi,

Katherine, Consi James and

Rory. They celebrate a

wonderful han who had a

long happy and fulfilled life.

Requiem Mass will be Friday

September 6th at 11 am,

Sacred Heart Church,

Dereham Requiesent in Pace.

September 10th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. If desired donations may be sent to Crosby Childrens Holiday Fund c/o H. Leslie

DEATHS PENROSE - Harald James, O.B.E., C.Eng., F.R.As.S. Aeronautical Engineer, Naval Architect, Fellow of Society of Experimental Test Pilots, member of Society of Authors, peacefully in his sieep at home in his 93rd year. Private family funeral but Service of Thanksgiving on October 11th at 3 pm in Sherborne Abbey, Dotset, No flowers please but donations if desired to E.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London WIN 4AE.

RETHEM - Cyril at home on 2nd
September after a short
iliness aged 69. Beloved
husband of Jamet and adored
father of Emily and Saul.
Dearest brother of Barolid,
Beary and Bernice. Violinist
with the LSO for nearly 40
years. Funeral at Golders
Green Crematorium, 12
noom, Friday 6th September.
No flowers by request.
Donations if desired to
Bacup, 3 Bath Piace,
Rivington Street, London,
EC2A 3JR.

SIGLER - Ernst Opear, suddenly whilst on holiday on 30th August 1996, aged 77. A great loss to his family and many friends. Details from J.E. Kenyon Limited (0171 485 4480).

STEVENS - Violet. Devoted wife of Philip, beloved mother of Andrew, Elizabeth and Geraldine and gandmother of seven. Nied peacefully in hospital on Monday 2nd September agod 85. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Upton Hellions, Crediton, Devon, at 1 pm on Monday 9th September 1996. No flowers please.

Wheteley - On 30th August 1996 peacefully after a long illness, Nina, mother of James and Richard and dearly loved grandmother of Jessica and Oliver. All funeral enguiries to J.E. Kenyon (0171) 937-0757.

WILDRIDGE - The Rev. Peter Died at Menton, France or 2nd May 1996 aged 71 Formarly assistant Curate at Formerly assistant Curate at St Issells, Sanndersfoot, St Michael Highgate, St Gliss-in-the-Field Heiborn, and Vicar of St Feter Islington, Funeral Service took place at Membra France.

DEATHS WEXINSON - On 31st August, Harjorie, in her 97th year, peacefully at Kent House Nussing Home, Tumbridge Wells. Dearly loved wife of the late John, mother of Andrey and the inte Joan, guandmother of Heather and

and greatwilliam and great-grandmother of Alexander, Physe and Gabriella. Funeral Service at St Fanis Church, Rusthall on Thursday 12th September at 10.45 am, followed by Interment at Tumbridge Wells Cemebary. Fundly flowers, donations if desired to Hospice in the Weeld. Enquiries to E.E. Hickmott & Sou, tel: (01892) 522462.

WITHERS - Dudley William Thomas, Wing Commander, AF.C. (31 Squadron). On Angust 30th, the eve of his 34th birthday. Loving and beloved husband of Sathleen (Kay), father of Stephen and Anthony, dear gamifather of Anna, jessica, Karie, jonathon and james. Much missed by jame-Ann and Jacquelina. Service at Guildford Chematorium at 3pm on September 9th. Enquiries to Aylings of Guildford, 25 South Road, GU2 6NY, tel: (01483) 567333.

**FUNERAL** ARRANGEMENTS CUCKER - H.H. (Tommy) OBJ died August 30th Pemeral died August 30th Pemeral Service Friday September 6th, 145 pm at 3 Marys, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cobham Cottage Hospital

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE

Charry - In loving memory of Blue Bovan 1930-1992 died September 4th. Forevan in our thoughts. Rosemary Susanne and Louise.

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Lord Amery of Lustleigh, the former Conservative MP and Minister, died yesterday aged 77. He was born on March 27, 1919,

ulian Amery exercised great influence in the inner circles of the Conservative Party during the Macmillan era and, to some degree. afterwards. This was despite the fact that, to his own keen disappointment, he never held a Cabinet post. His special role he owed partly to his family connections and partly to his own skills, which were the product of a rather remarkable combination of quixotic romanticism and sheer practical guile.

His wife. Catherine, whom he married in 1950 and who died in 1991, was Harold Macmillan's daughter. His father, Leo Amery, was one of the most ardent of all imperial statesmen (Churchill once said of him that he regarded the Empire as his own personal property).

But the political creed adopted by Amery fils was no mere pale imitation of that espoused by Amery père. While the father rested his hopes mainly on the white Commonwealth, the son came to regard the Middle East and Africa as the principal foundations of British power. At the same time he believed that Britain belonged firmly in Europe where his unrepentant view was that it should bind itself in a special relationship with France. He thus combined the sentiments of "the old Tory imperial Right" with the fervent Europeanism which was the hallmark of Heathite Conservatism. (During the leadership election of November 1990 he was one of the more surprising supporters of Michael Heseltine.)

In marked contrast to his older brother, John, who was in constant trouble over money and ended up by being executed for treason in December 1945, the opening of Amery's own life was golden. At Eton and Balliol College. Oxford, he seemed to be preparing himself, quite consciously, for a political career: "the cleverest young man I have ever met," wrote Chips Channon. In 1938, while still an undergraduate, he was sent by the Daily Express to Spain, where he covered the civil war from the Nationalist side and conceived a considerable regard for Franco. On the outbreak of war, he became a press attaché at the British Embassy in Belgrade.

Amery himself described his wartime service, carried out mainly in the Balkans

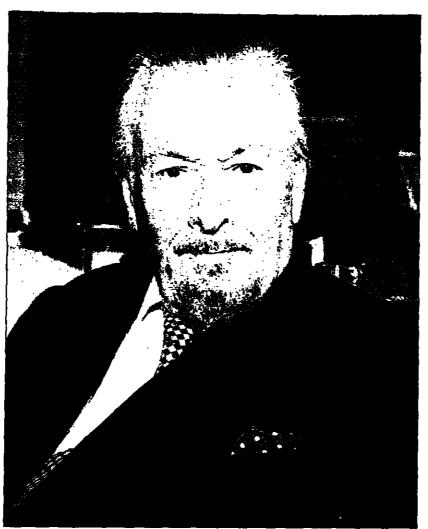
for the Special Operations Executive, in his memoir Approach March (1973). He told the tale in the manner of John Buchan though, in his case, the hero often failed to triumph. It seemed to him wholly contrary to British interests to lend succour solely to communist Resistance movements in the Balkan countries.

Yet, so far as Yugoslavia was concerned, he had to sever his connections with the royalist Chetniks led by Mihajlovic. This came about when the Special Operations Executive authorised Fitzroy Maclean and others (including Amery's great friend, Randolph Churchill) to throw Britain's full weight behind Tito. In Albania. 100, he had to abandon the guerrillas supporting King Zog in Nov-ember 1944, after having himself fought with them (sustaining a minor wound to the face) for several months. His mission was, in his own words, an "utter failure": Britain had once again decided to back the Communists. When the war ended, he was in Chaing Kai-shek's China on yet another abortive mission.

In the postwar world, Amery had little cause to fear a recurrence of British indulgence towards communism. But a second threat to Britain, which was clear enough to him during the war, continued to haunt him. As he himself put it, foreign policy needed to take full account of "the dangers which Soviet imperialism and American anti-colonialism presented to our interests". He was, therefore, drawn towards other younger Tories, like Enoch Powell and Hugh Fraser, who saw the world in much the same terms.

In his early years in politics Amery found ample evidence of America's bad intentions. Entering Parliament, at his second attempt, as MP for Preston North in 1950 - his first bid had been in 1945 in the same borough in double harness with Randolph Churchill - he identified himself, above all, with the issue of Suez. The zone was an area where, in his view, British interests were being sacrificed on the altar of American foreign policy. He became secretary of the determined Suez Group of Conservative MPs, formed in protest against Eden's abandonment of the canal base in 1954.

In the early stages he was buoyed up by the knowledge that the Prime Minister, Churchill, secretly supported his attacks on Eden. When Nasser nationalised the canal, Amery's voice was perhaps the loudest in calling for the use of force. But when force was abandoned, he did not



join the other members of the Suez Group

in resigning the Conservative Whip.

By the time his colleagues did that, Amery himself, thanks his critics always said to nepotism, was a junior minister at the War Office in the Government of his father-in-law, Harold Macmillan. The next major retreat in the Middle East, the withdrawal from Cyprus, took place with Amery's own aid. As Under-Secretary of State at the Colonial Office, 1958-60, he handled some of the most difficult aspects of the independence negotiations, to his father-in-law's evident satisfaction. After a stint as Secretary of State for Air, 1960-62. he became Minister of Aviation

1962-64, stimulating considerable controversy by his enthusiasm for the Anglo-French Concorde project. One of his children, hearing the words author of peace and lover of Concord" during a church service, imagined that reference was being made to her father. The case against Amery, which he never answered satisfactorily, is that he set aside economic considerations in order to win French goodwill during Britain's Common Market negotiations. Astute manoeuvering by Macmillan was needed to overcome almost total Cabinet opposition.

In the Heath and Thatcher years, Amery tended to be regarded as an influential, but largely predictable, spokesman for the Tory Right on such issues as Rhodesia, where he was the leader of the backbench rebellion against the imposition of sanctions in 1965. Having been out of Parliament between 1966 and 1969, when he won Brighton Pavilion in a by-election, he can hardly have counted on being included in the Heath Government formed in 1970. But the Prime Minister, overlooking his Rhodesian rebellion which had split the party three ways, appears to have concluded that he would be more trouble outside than in. Still, the initial posts he held - Minister of State at Public Buildings and Works, 1970 and at Housing, 1970-72 - seemed clear indications that his stock was not rising. Yet, whatever his private disappointment, he gave little public sign of dissatisfaction. This was probably just as well, since his final post as Minister of State at the Foreign Office gave him particular gratification, coinciding as it did with Britain's accession to the European Community. In the House of Commons, which he left

only in 1992, Amery was regarded with genuine affection by a following that was large enough for him to give serious consideration to standing in the Tory leadership election that saw Margaret Thatcher defeat Edward Heath in 1975 (as it was, his friend Hugh Fraser stood instead, collecting a mere 15 votes).

Never particularly close to the new regime, Amery was not rewarded with office in 1979 or in either of the subsequent two Governments Margaret Thatcher formed. He was created a life peer by John Major in the Dissolution Honours of 1992 and looked forward, until ill-health intervened, to playing an active part in the

Upper House.

If his ended up as a largely unfulfilled career, it was probably because Amery paid the price of being a politician born out of his time. He was a Cavalier of politics forced to live in an age of Roundheads. Even his house, the last single private residence left in Eaton Square, in which he had lived since he was five years old, bore full witness to his streak of romanticism. In the hall stood an enormous stone lion, the staircase was covered with portraits of Persian princes. many holding scimitars in threatening postures, while no table seemed complete without a silver ornamental dagger. It was not so much a politician's home as an still saw political life as pre-eminently a game of high adventure.

Amery himself never bothered to deny this as the source of his own motivation. He was fond of recalling how, as a schoolboy of II. he had met Lloyd George and told him he wanted to be a sailor. "What do you want to be a sailor for?" the great man demanded. "There are greater storms in politics than you'll ever find at sea. Piracy, broadsides, blood on the deck you'll find them all in politics." From that moment on, according to his own account, the young Amery was "a political captive".

ot surprisingly, the grey men of the Conservative Party fastened on that sort of confession to label him "a buccaneer". And there was certainly a buccaneering element in his make-up, which came perhaps most to the fore when he acted as a particularly rumbustious campaign maflager for Lord Hailsham in his forlorn bid for the leadership after Macmillan's retirement in 1963. But in himself he was far from being a conventional rightwinger. Having lived through the family trauma of his own brother's hanging - he actually sat in a taxi outside Wandsworth Prison waiting for the notice to be pinned up - he voted for the abolition of capital punishment in all the death penalty debates that dragged on in the Commons through four decades. And he was by no means opposed to government economic intervention and was a firm upholder of the welfare state, both attitudes that tended to make him an unfashionable figure in the context of the modern Conservative Party.

His voice - rich, sonorous but with a strange 1930s' cockney twang — added to an old-world impression, as did his wayof-life which, latterly at least, always started with a large drink at Ham (the hour at which he normally rose). He was the last survivor of an altogether grander Tory tradition, the heir of a bloodline that always combined imperialism abroad with domestic reform at home.

Imperial affairs were the predominant theme not merely of his political career but of his writing as well: he completed, producing the last three volumes by the end of the 1960s, the magisterial life of Joseph Chamberlain that had been begun by J.L. Garvin. Although his wife predeceased him by five years, he is survived by Aladdin's cave - the lair of someone who one son and three daughters.

### **BRUCE LIDINGTON**

Bruce Lidington, actor and chairman of Families Need Fathers, died from heart disease on August 5 aged 46. He was born on January 30, 1950.

THE actor Bruce Lidington, had been national chairman of the charity Families Need Fathers since 1995. He was also an activist for the Liberal Democrat Party in Harrow, where he lived his whole life. as had his family for generations before him.

He was educated at Harrow County Grammar school. where his interest in acting was first kindled. He used to describe how a contemporary whom he did not admire, Michael Portillo, once berated him for his poor Spanish accent in a school play. He trained as an actor at the

Webber Douglas Academy. A talented and reliable jobbing actor who liked to do a variety of work, he was also in demand for his accomplished fencing and riding skills. When "resting", he threw himself into local politics and latterly Families Need Fathers. His greatest achievement

was to soften an angry misogynist image from which Families Need Fathers had sometimes suffered. If there has been a change in attitudes to "absent fathers" (a term he abhorred), and if public opinion now appears readier to accept that men often get a raw deal in divorce and that this affects children adversely. then the typically gentle pres-sure applied by Lidington helped to bring this about.

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career had many television and film credits, including Doubting Thomas in Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth. He was After drama school he spent famous among soap fans for a several years in rep. and his stint as PC Cater in Cross-

roads. His many other television appearances included Z Cars, Dangerfield, Thieftakers. Love with a Perfect Stranger and Bergerac. His last job, filmed a few weeks before he died, was as an American surgeon in the new Richard Attenborough film. In Love and War.

in 1974, appalled at the development spoiling his beloved Harrow, he joined the local Liberal Party. It was through local politics in Harrow that he met Sheila Johnson, whom he married in 1978. Although they separated in 1989, they always co-operated fully over their daughter's upbringing. Any anger about his own

separation soon passed. In fact, he never divorced and continued to wear his wedding ring. But when he contacted

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Families Need Fathers for advice, he saw that many other fathers were the victims of a "see you in court" approach to divorce, which was damaging to all parties, especially the children.

He founded a London branch of Families Need Fathers and became the charity's national media spokesman. The performer in him meant that he enjoyed his outings on the television and the radio, but he could never be accused of vanity. He was incurably scruffy, a self-rolled cigarette permanently in his fingers.

In 1995 he became chairman of Families Need Fathers. He resented those who described the charity as a "pressure group". Its main work. he insisted, was in helping fathers with practical, legal and emotional advice on how to stay in contact with their

He warned parliamentarians of the catastrophe that would be the Child Support Agency. Fathers should pay maintenance, he argued, but not through a rigid arithmetical formula which would create injustices. He regretted the recent "no fault" divorce reforms. He feared that couples desperate to part would begin making lawyer-inspired accusations of abuse in order to short-circuit the 18-month

cooling-off period. His efforts left Families Need Fathers in a healthy state. At the time of his death he was opening lines of communication with organ-isations like The National Council for One Parent Families, hoping to persuade them that if single mothers wanted independence, one of the ways they could get it was to involve the father in the child's upbringing rather than to try and exclude him.

His wife and daughter survive him.

David Snell, Headmaster of Abbotsholme School, Derbyshire, 1967-81, died on July 21 aged 74. He

was born on July 14, 1922

AS THE headmaster of Abbotsholme School, David Snell developed the progressive educational methods that had been pioneered by Kurt Hahn at Gordonstoun

A protègé of Hahn's, he had already, in 1962, founded Nigeria's multi-racial International School at Ibadan University, basing it on Hahn's philosophy and aided by three former Gordonstoun teachers; the challenge of integrating pupils and staff of diverse nationalities and both sexes into a completely new institution was formidable. But the school was a firmly established success by the time Snell returned to Britain

in 1967. Hahn's thinking had ap-pealed to Snell's liberal and inquiring mind while he was at Oxford: he shared Hahn's helief that the purpose of education was to develop the whole personality rather than purely academic achievement. and that this should be done in a family context that relied on reason rather than on traditional forms of authority.

He taught first at Gordonstoun, and after two years went to South Africa to teach at St John's, Johannesburg, which was run very much along the lines of an archetypal English public school. After a year. Snell eagerly took up an invitation to return to Gordonstoun as a housemaster; the insight he had gained into South African life under apartheid left him with a lasting detestation of racialism.

Samuel David Snell was born at Newynt, Gloucestershire. He was five when his father, a devout Methodist, gave up farming in order to run one of the church's National Children's Homes in Cheshire; he was brought up

there, until he went to the Methodist Kingswood School. The chapel ethos of social

**DAVID SNELL** 

enced the Snell children, several of whom became missionaries, and it found expression in David's work in Nigeria (although he himself was later an Anglican).

Snell read chemistry at Liverpool University, and served in the Royal Engineers and Indian Army as a captain before going to Oriel College. Oxford, in 1947 to read for a diploma in education.

His role at Gordonstoun on his return from Nigeria was to head the new Altyre House. which was actually some 15 miles distant and effectively a separate school. It later moved to the centre, with Snell becoming housemaster of Round House Square and also the school's second master.

Hahn was instrumental in Snell's appointment to Abbotsholme in Derbyshire, one of the earliest of the 20th-century progressive schools, founded by Čecil Reddie, and on which Hahn had based first Salem in

Germany and then the Scottish school Gordonstoun. But Snell's Abbotsholme

was no mere replica of Gordonstoun. He placed greater emphasis on cultural values than on physical prowresponsibility and sense of ess and he was determined to mission profoundly influ- go fully co-educational, rather than restricting co-education to the sixth form as some other schools did. The fortuitous closure of a nearby girls' school, St Vincent's, enabled him to effect a merger that provided a broad balance at all age levels.

> To foster the family concept, pupils and staff are together, with places rotating so that different age groups and sexes mixed on equal terms; amphitheatre seating replaced the rectangular chapel assembly hall.

Snell believed that an understanding of nature was vital to a child's development, and he included in the curriculum the opportunity to work on the school farm. Snell had a humility and

friendliness rare in headmasters: he was content to trust others to implement his ideas. A seemingly far-fetched one was to make Abbotsholme a centre of cultural excellence for both pupils and the wider public. He sparked off the hitherto unrealised creative talents as an impresario of his director of music, Gordon Clark.

A brilliant musician, whose idiosyncrasies would have tested the patience of a saint, Clark was given his head by Snell, and the Abbotsholme Arts Society emerged, It was blessed with an assembly hall of superb acoustics, and within a few years attracted a remarkable range of great musicians, artists and political figures.

Snell married in 1956 Delphine Meredyth-Starmer, who survives him, together with four sons and a daughter.

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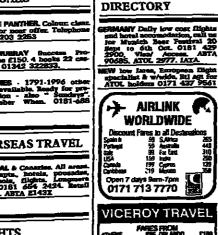
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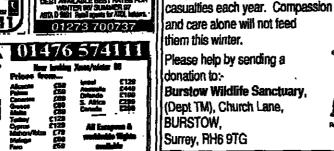


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### MR SIEGFRIED SASSOON

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### ON THIS DAY

September 4, 1967 

Siegfried Sassoon's denunciation of war at the height of it carried weight only because of his outstanding courage in the front line

Cross for bringing in under heavy fire a wounded lance-corporal who was lying close to the German lines. A year later, after capturing single-handed some German trenches in the Hindenburg Line. he remained in the enemy position reading a volume of poems oblivious of the danger, and was recommended for the Victoria Cross; but as the campaign ended in a reverse, he only received a bar to his Military Cross. Sassoon had himself been wounded, and, invalided home, he had an opportunity to reflect

upon the human butchery that was taking place; he resolved to protest and the outcome was A Soldier's Declaration (July, 1917), attacking the "political errors and insincerities for which the fighting men are being sacrificed . . . also I believe that I may help to destroy the callous complacency with which the majority of those at home regard the continuance of agonies which they do not share, and which they have not sufficient imagination to realize". He expected a court martial but did not get one. His MC ribbon he threw in the river Mersey. His was the pacifism of courage not of cowardice: in reply to a question in the House of Commons, the Secretary of State for War put it down to shell shock and Sassoon was sent to hospital ... Sassoon had been publishing poems about the war since 1916; in May, 1917, these were collected in The Old Huntsman, and a second collection - Counter Attack - followed 13 months later. Fiftytwo of the poems from these volumes that dealt with the war were republished in 1919 as War Poems.

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Two technologies lead the way: cordless office telephones and cordless local area networks. They will use radio waves or infra-red to allow individuals and machines to communicate without a cable link-

Morgan Lovell says that as well as removing the physical restraints, cost and complexities of cable management in the office, the technologies will introduce freedom and flexibility for the first time, allowing office workers true mobility and choice about when and where to work.

Philip Ross, marketing director of Morgan Lovell, has spent the past five years researching the emergence of cordless technologies Christopher

Warman says that the cordless office

heralds radical change at work

and their impact on work and the workplace. He says: "The modern office, like a city, is often imperson-al. We want to take people back to the village, the market square, where they can meet and talk, to

The office factory is not an acceptable concept, but the office café is attractive. And the new technologies mean that the worker cannot be accused of skiving when away from the desk - he or she will always be accessible."

The cordless office will have several different parts, including the traditional desk for solo work. and conference rooms. But there are also lay-bys in what used to be a corridor where staff can stop to make or answer a call.

Then there is the touchdown peer-to-peer meeting pod. This has been designed by Morgan Lovell as an informal meeting area, where two to four people can gather. Using the cordless network, their notebook computers can be connected together to enable them to work on the same document simultaneously. There will be no opportunity to relax, though, because there are no chairs, on the ground

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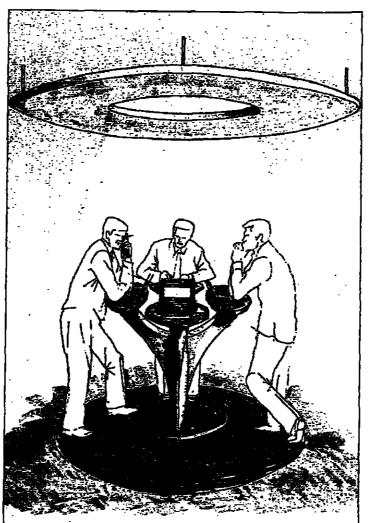
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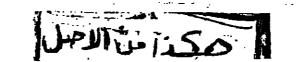
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### A television diet to suit all tastes

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worries me. Otherwise, my unease about the black Friday nights that BBC2 plans for autumn is that they are too late in both senses of the word.

Black and Asian viewers may be already so hooked on satellite and cable channels that terrestrial television can never win them back. And what these groups want from the BBC, ITV and Channel 4 is a more attractive view of themselves at peak time, not more of themselves in late night shows targeted to their own interests.

The ethnic preference for the new channels is indisputable. It first was noticed by

the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board in October 1994 and confirmed in further investigation by Carlton UK Television, with the help of NOP Consumer Market Research. The facts are bad news for Carlton, for 70 per cent of the 2.4 million people describing themselves as Black or Asian in the last census live in its franchise regions. London and the Midlands. Of course, the two racial groups

are by no means alike in tastes. Yet both not only make far greater

use of satellite and cable channels than the television audience as a whole, when they do tune into the terrestrial channels they are cool to the strong English flavour of peaktime entertainment. Rather than Inspector Morse, costume dramas and even Coronation Street, they prefer the smooth, homogenised appeal of American and Australian imports such as The Cosby Show

Achieving multiculturalism on the mainstream channels is no easy matter. You can't accuse them of not trying - not with ITN's Trevor McDonald and the BBC's Moira Stuart in the up-front roles of newsreaders. Nor can you blame television dramatists. It is hard to find a contemporary series or soap opera without good strong parts for ethnic minority actors. But these do generally present blacks and Asians as peripheral characters in contemporary British life — portrayals in which, rightly or wrongly, they see themselves stereotyped.

Then there is the matter of special tastes. For blacks. Carlton's research found that radio is often the more satisfactory medium. thanks to stations such as Choice FM. dedicated to blacks. In many black households, it seems, the television is kept switched on with the sound off in order to give the radio priority. They also like satellite sports channels because of the prominence given to black athletes.

Asian groups, who like children's and

t's only the black dating show that information programmes on terrestrial television, tend to shy away from peak time for moral reasons. With a habit of multi-generational viewing, young as well as old are embarrassed by watching anything racy in the other's company.

So there's the assignment for the terrestrials: broaden your appeal without losing the wit, idiom and allusiveness that makes the majority of the British viewing public prefer British-made programmes to blander imported products.

In mid-October we will see BBC2's entry. The A-Force, made by the BBC's African-Caribbean Unit in Manchester, will be a

El-5-million\_two-and-a-half-hour Friday evening attempt to please both the particular and the general audience, with a black drama with "plenty of comic elements", as well as a "raucous" (the BBC's word) dating show in which black contestants will take their pick from a virtual-reality dating bank.

Will the BBC allow the contestants to pick partners from other ethnic groups? I hope they will but I have not been able to get the BBC to say so. If the choice is confined to same-race only, that

will be ghettoisation indeed. For ITV's part, a Carlton spokesman has said that the company knows it must entice ethnic audiences to watch at peak times: "we literally cannot afford for them not to be watching our programmes." For that matter, neither can advertisers. For an increasingly multiracial society, their commercials are

the estimable David Elstein, appointed late last week as chief executive of Channel 5, has only one flaw as far as I can see. This is his curious habit of pronouncing "years" as "yaz": no small matter for someone who, having passed through the whole British television universe, from the BBC to BSkyB, rises to pontificate at every television gathering.

Elstein even seems to have acquired a sense of humour. We had thought, hearing him at the Edinburgh Television Festival earlier last week, that his jokes about Channel 5's minuscule programme budget were directed at Dawn Airey, the new channel's combative programme director. Now we know he was laughing at his own plight. All Channel 5 will have to spend in wooing its desired near-national audience is £110 million a year.

That's not much more than goes into the programmes for the television channel for Wales.

### Enter the ITV no-fun zone

BE WARY of accepting party invitations from Claudia Rosencrantz, the pouting controller of entertainment at

Ms Rosencrantz, 37, who is responsible for bringing such gems as Man O' Man and The Shane Ritchie Experience to our screens, has cheerfully described herself as a teetotal control freak who likes nothine better than staying sober and watching whilst others get drunk and fall over.

"I tried alcohol when I was young but didn't like the taste and never really got into it." she confessed to horrified onlookers. "I could count on one hand the number of times I have been in a pub."

As if that wasn't bad enough Ms Rosencrantz said one of her formative career experiences was meeting another teetotaller, the Dalek-like David Montgomery, at a media party while she was a young hackette working for Elle magazine. Montgomery,



Rosencrantz: total teetotal

then Editor of the News of the World and now chief executive of the Mirror Group, was so impressed by her temperance he rang her the next day to offer her a job. "He was the only person in the room as sober as me," giggled Miss Rosencrantz.

Staff at ITV are meanwhile monitoring their alcohol units. "I can't imagine there would be a very high fun factor at one of Claudia's parties," said one disloval member of staff.

 Anecdotes about the curious behaviour of BBC staff behind the closed doors of Television Centre continue apace. Former commissioning executive Michael Atwell's fond recollections of seeing Michael Jackson, the new BBCi controller, take off his

CHANNEL 5, the UK's fifth

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shoes and walk barefoot over his office furniture while squeezing a stress ball, has brought memories flooding back for other former

One producer, who occupied an office in the labyrinth of corridors at television HQ. remembers being ticked off by a man who came to see him from BBC "Estates".

The tutting official inspected the executive's office furniture before ordering it to be dismantled and partly removed. The naughty producer was told he had overreached himself by having four drawers in his desk instead of the regulation three.

### Copy this

THE SECRET of running a successful newspaper is, they say, understanding your mar-ket. Will Hutton, Editor of Will Hutton's Observer as he likes to call it, clearly believes his readers are to be found shopping at Habitat.

Hence free copies of The Observer were being given away last Sunday at the Habitat store in London's King's Road. The trouble was, noone was taking them. "We had absolutely stacks left," said one shop worker. "I think a lot of people mistook it for our in-house magazine.'

 A recent debate on the growing power of spin doctors

to influence the coverage of political stories in the media was remarkable for its total lack of er . . . spin doctors. The wheelers and dealers of

Westminster, not usually backwards in coming forward to make their points known, apparently developed an attack of shyness as the date drew nearer for the debate at the Edinburgh Television Festival.



Hutton: summer sale

The audience, hoping to hear from a glitzy panel of Peter Mandelsons, Bernard Inghams and Alistair Campbells, found themselves having to make do with the rather more motley crew of Charles Kennedy, Donald Dewar, Shaun Woodward, Michael Brunson and Mark Damazer. the BBC's editor of current

Mr Mandelson, the Labour Party's so-called "evil genius". had intriguingly accepted an invitation to take part in the dehate but later withdrew." believe he had a barbeque to attend," said an official source.

### Mr Money

AS IF it was not enough to see Mr Motivator bursting out of his Lycra unitard five mornings a week, it seems the powers that be at GMTV have decided we need to see more.

The man who girds his loins before millions of housewives in his regular fitness slot is rumoured to be about to star in a cartoon series based on his character and imaginatively entitled The Mighty Motivator. Staff at GMTV are overcome with excitement about the project. "Everybody \( \) loves Mr Motivator," said one. You should have seen him on his Fun in the Sun tour in Spain - he was mobbed."

Meanwhile, Mr Monvator himself, real name Derrick Evans, whose marriage to Sandra Palmer recently featured on the front cover of Hello! magazine, has clearly avoided the customary curse. After earning reported royalties of £1 million from his fitness videos. T-shirts and merchandise, he has secured half the rights to the cartoon for himself. a canny move expected to earn him a few more hundred thousand.

### Contract of the decade up for grabs



Young: news addition

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The commercial station has earmarked only posters and press for the launch activity, leaving television off the media schedule. Perhaps it doesn't believe in television as an advertising medium ...

Agencies are increasingly es-chewing traditional payment methods and charging clients by results, according to a The winning agency will be appointed at the end of the remuneration survey by Willott Kingston Smith, the month. It will orchestrate a

specialist accountancy firm. While only 13 per cent of shops opted for results-related pay schemes in 1993, that figure has now rocketed to 41 per cent, increasing threefold in the past 12 months alone.

Payment based on commission of media spend remains the dominant source of agency income, with fee systems remaining a close second. The survey reveals, how-

ever, that while performancerelated pay is growing, agencies are ending up with less income. This would suggest that either they are not negotiating their payment-byresults contracts tightly enough or, erm, they just aren't getting the results.

THE 80-year-old Institute of Practitioners in Advertising is undergoing a much-needed, long-overdue revamp to shake

off its rather fusty image. A team of interior designers is gutting its Belgrave Square headquarters in SWI to make it resemble a modern advertising agency more.

The pictures of past presidents that currently adorn the stairwell are being stripped out and replaced by a showcase of current IPA work. while the reception area is being shifted from a side room into a far groovier location under the stair, and space is to be created for members to interface with technology".

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Opinions on the changes at Express Newspapers range from approval to derision, reports Carol Midgley

## Can a seven-day newspaper survive?

pers was plan-ning to merge the Daily Express and the Sunday Exgress as a joint operation, the mans of derision around fleet Street were audible.

it's been done before and iled," came the collective cry. -Why risk repeating the mistakes of the past?" Indeed, history has shown

that asking staff to work for two titles at the same time is nothing short of disastrous within the culture of British newspapers. Unlike America. there the seven-day system is a successful norm, the British public expect their Sunday paper to be a quite distinctive which launched

amid great fanfare in 1986. promised to be the first sevenday newspaper, a bright colour-product which seemed to have an even brighter future. Within a year, the Sunday edition had been shelved. Staff complained of working ludicrously long hours, becoming disoriented and jaded by having to show loyalty to two tors. Sales on Sunday were 🕏 niiful 190.000.

But if the Express Newspapers hype is to be believed, the new plans could mark a radical departure from this tried-and-tested formula. A 'five-day-two-day" system is promised, which could effectively separate the Saturday and Sunday issues from the Monday to Friday papers, producing a strong weekend

Although the new system will involve a single, streamlined editorial team, management insist they will produce brighter weekend papers. There will be a pullout sports section every day, double the creased pagination and two new colour magazines.

Ironically, Sue Douglas, who edited the Sunday Express for just nine months before unceremoniously "resigning yesterday, having failed to sufficiently revive circulation (at present 1.2 million), helped to draw up a blueprint for this operation. The shared resources system

is likely to mean that key areas such as feature writers, picture desks, sports staff, foreign correspondents and magazine staff will be merged. Staff are gloom-

ily awaiting the execution of 85 further redundancies on top of already ting. They probably won't need to carry out sacksaid one. We'll be queueing up to leave." Similar sentiment was voiced

seven years ago when The Sunday Telegraph and The Daily Telegraph were merged by Andrew Knight, the chief execu-

tive. Overnight, journalists were married into one team working on a seven-day rota and contributing to both titles. Peregrine Worsthorne, then Editor of the Sunday title, was left to edit the leader pages while a new Editor from the daily, Trevor Grove, was

Although it worked in some respects — certain foreign correspondents, for example, are still shared between the titles — fundamental problems emerged almost immediately. The Sunday paper effectively became a poor relation, surrendering its maga-

zine to the all-important Saturday issue. Last year, with sales at 650,000, it finally got its magazine back.

Max Hastings, then Editor of The Daily Telegraph, who became overall Editor of both titles, said: "I think, certainly from my experience at the Telegraph, that it is a very difficult thing to do.

"It is somewhere between difficult and impossible for the same group of people who have been working all week on the news to bring a fresh eye to the Sunday paper. A Sunday paper has to have a separate



Tried it: Peregrine Worsthorne and Andrew Knight

identity and to achieve that you have to have a separate body of people producing it."

Trevor Grove added: "It had never been done before and had appealing simplicity - it did seem stupid to duplicate in areas which could be shared. But in practice it was a bad compromise. You would have to speak to the head of someone's department to see if their person could write a longer piece for the Sunday title."

When the ailing Independent on Sunday merged with its sister title in 1991, its Editor, Stephen Glover, resigned, Fifty three journalists applied for voluntary redundancy despite there being only 34 needed. By the following year, the papers

showed a temporary profit.

Andreas Whittam Smith, the former overall Editor of both papers, said: "You must have a separate editing brain for each title even if you merge

"What The Independent did was mainly an exercise in saving money but it is much better to have a senarate staff. I don't see why there cannot be Saturday Editor, a Sunday Editor and a Monday to Friday Editor." The Express move has re-

opened the argument at Associated Newspapers to merge the Daily Mail and Mail on Sir David English, the chairman, is known to be against the idea, some man-

agement see the advantages of such a scheme with Paul Dacre in overall charge. Those who have seen the system in practice say it is nothing short of madness. Peter McKay, a

former Sunday editor of Today said he believed the Express plan was doomed. "I think it is a wild, mad idea dreamt up by marketing consultants. As soon as I heard it I thought that was the toll of doom. When I worked for the Daily Express they had one general manager. Now they have dozens of management consultants. It is one of these grotesque American ideas but it will not work in this country. People cannot work for two newspapers at the same time -- you have to have a feel for a particular paper and have a feel for its rhythms and

Anthony Holden, Daily Express columnist and founding Sunday editor of Today, said the Express strategy was fresh and had not been tried before.

"At Today, everything was wrong and ten years on nobody need any longer hide the fact that although Brian Mac-Arthur was an excellent Editor-in-chief, the weekday editor Jonathan Holborow and myself were like chalk and cheese, with different aspirations and ideas.

But the management have They are right in focusing on American and continental models, not previous British ones. This could revolutionise British journalism."

ndrew Neil, the former Editor of the The Sunday Times, said Sue Douglas had not had enough backing from management to make the Sunday Express work on its "She had two problems.

There was no management commitment to long-term investment and, being a young and new Editor, there was no one with sufficient experience and seniority she could turn to. But I have huge respect for Sue. She has a creative mind and will make a great Editor."

Sir David English said: "It works in America but the culture is totally different here. In theory it definitely leads to more efficiencies because you need fewer people but in Britain you need a different type of paper on a Sunday." He said he would welcome

more competition from the Express but added: "I don't think it is going to produce



Sue Douglas: resigned yesterday after an unsuccessful drive to revive the Sunday Express

### Giles Whittell on the magazines that brought down a Clinton aide |

week was a busy one for America's tabloids. Ghosts were found roaming aboard the Queen Mary and Fidel Castro was caught trying to steal the Liberty Bell from Philadelphia. A deadly Martian virus threatened Earth and a top secret American supertrain hit 1,000mph on a test track in southern Illinois. Michael Jackson began going

bald as well as black. Amid such turnult. Mr Morris, the former Clinton campaign strategist, may be secretly chuffed to have manged to grab headlines with mere rumours of a fling with a call-girl. Or he may consider himself a victim of rotten luck: American tabloids seldom bother with politics and are regarded even by the millions who buy them as background

The Star, which had the enclusive on the latest White House sex scandal, is one of SIX gaudy, mass-market scandal sheets known as "super-market tabloids". Their impact on public affairs is sporadic at best, but their impact on the nation's grocery chains is striking. Unlike British tabloids, American ones — The Star, the National Enquirer, The (American) Sun, The Globe, the National Examiner and the Weekly World News - are all weeklies and are sold almost exclusivey to shoppers waiting at heckout tills. The result is a Frude barrage of gossip. ex-posé and wild science fiction that assails customers from the megamants of the Midwest to the snooty grocery stores of Southern California.

New Photo of the Life on Mars!" screamed the Weekly World News last week, describing a grotesquely magnified picture of a common dust mite as the "frightening picture Nasa didn't want the world to see". Next on the rack, The Sun, under a cover story about office oil being Hollywood's latest miracle cure, promised a photograph of black and white Siamese iwins joined at the head (it was there on page 3, with every-thing but a credit for the airbrush artist). The National Enquirer, market leader with a circulation of more than 4 million, led its edition with a relatively tame expose of the plastic surgery secrets of 150 iovie stars.

In stark contrast, British supermarkets offer a checkout ambience of sombre self-improvement. Titles available for browsing at Sainsbury's include Parenting, Good Housekeening and Dischility

The day Dick Morris resigned in disgrace last week was a busy one for Tabloids that sell scandal at the checkout



Weeklies that shoppers buy while getting their groceries

roundly mocked for our tabloids, but at least they know their place - the newsagent. The difference appears to be a cultural one. It certainly has nothing to do with time spent waiting in checkout queues. according to Paul Hughes, manager of Steven Spielberg's neighbourhood supermarket in the leafy Los Angeles suburb of Pacific Palisades. Customers seldom have to wait more than a few seconds to pay, yet he sells several hundred copies of each tabloid every week.

Tho buys them is a mystery. In this resolutely upper-middie class district no one will own up to a tabloid habit. They re trash," said Nanette Taylor, 45, of the entire genre, though as a Republican she admitted greeting the Dick

Others are less dismissive. in 1992, Bill Clinton was forced to take extremely seriously a report in The Star of his alleged 12-year affair with Gennifer Flowers. Only an abject public apology saved his campaign.

Not to be outdone on political coverage, the Weekly World News announced that an alien had visited George Bush at the Camp David presidential retreat the previous year, only to flirt with Ross Perot's maverick economic policies and eventually endorse Mr Clinton, who oblig-ingly posed with a copy of the paper saying "I'm broadening my base".

More recently, the National Enquirer jumped for a blissful year from the supermarket to mainstream, adding 500,000 to its average weekly circulation, thanks to one O. J.

weeks before his trial and quickly won a reputation for reliable scoops. In one of them, sources described hearing the defendant confess to the murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. The story was re-reported in The New York Times, which was promptly denounced by other "quality" reporters who pri-vately kicked themselves for not trusting the Enquirer

n a spectrum of tabloid respectability the Enquirer and the Weekly World News occupy opposite ends, the latter sitting firmly at the end marked "zero". Produced, ironically, in a tiny corner of the Enquirer's headquarters and printed on the bigger paper's presses, the WWN is America's answer to Sunday Sport but without the soft porn. It is the domain of Elvis sightings, Nasa-alien conspiracies and endless, exuberant invention on all things from the health benefits of gambling to that remarkable top-secret supertrain.

Like Sunday Sport, the WWN is cult reading on many a college campus. But a more notable accolade came recently from Entertainment Weekly magazine. Touched by an obituary being prepared on a cowboy who had asked to be buried standing tall in his grave", the magazine's Greg Sandow called this parody of a newspaper "one of the few media outlets left that talks in the plainspoken, outraged but also sentimental voice of America's heartland".

Which brings us to the real irony of American supermarket tabloids: that they were practically invented by the British. Lured by starting sala-ries of \$50,000 (£33,000) excluding expenses, Fleet Street veterans began emigrating in the early 1970s to the Florida towns of Lantana and Boca Raton which, between them, produce all six weeklies. The area is known in the trade as Tabloid Valley.

"Doorstepping and stakeouts were alien concepts to American reporters," says Gary Morgan, who now runs a tabloid agency in Los Angeles. "They hired loads of Brits because they knew we were better at it." Billy Burt, who eventually

edited the National Examiner. once called American report-"dreary, humourless utopians out to save the world". He went on: "Ghosts? The occult? We don't say these stories are true. We just report them." Millions of shoppers may thank him. Dick Morris

#### it's getting pretty tough for newspaper funny men to make a steady living, largely because of the competition they face nowa-

days from the new giants of surreal humour, such as television comedy and the British prison service.
But that doesn't stop smart

newspaper editors scouring the country country, read rivals) humorous writers and cartoonists. Why? Because these can define a paper's tone and character almost as much as the leaders or the crossword. They also help to distinguish newspapers from television news

Take this week's relaunch of Punch: it shows great faith in humour's power to grab how serious the humour business has become.

Remember the time when someone would have an idea for an amusing magazine, round up a few writers 'Humour

find a printer, and is a more then hit the streets with something serious called Punch, The New Yorker of Priand sober vate Eye and hope that enough other people got the joke

affair these days'

a much more serious, sobersided affair these days: the E3 million relaunch of Punch complete with portentous mission statements and charts mapping out the landscape of potential readers by age/ sex/current reading/waist size - shows how carefully targeted news-stand humour

to keep the team employed for

Well, humour is

another week?

Then again, humour has always been a fairly serious business. Ask anyone who has seen a crack cartoonist nearing his deadline (the late Mel Calman, cartoonist for The Times, could produce the most magical wit, and was always kindly, but he smiled less frequently than pandas get randy): Dorothy Parker was not the world's happiest creature; and James Thurber could be pretty grim company, too.

An editorial leader always looks as if it has been huffed and puffed over — that's half the point of it. But an amusing column is supposed to read as if it came off the top of the writer's head.

That is why the greatest practitioners are so cosseted their editors. Keith

### Editors who live on their wits PAPER ROUND Joe Joseph

pillars that props up the Daily Mail. Only those who have seen Parliament on a slow day (ie, almost all the time) might fully appreciate Matthew Parris's skill as parliamentary sketchwriter for this paper. Craig Brown produces won derful parodies for several

papers. Alan Coren, in his weekly columns for The Times, spins out 800-worders in a tradition stretching back to the great American humorists S.J. Perelman and Robert Benchley. Auberon Waugh is so artful that he almost makes his humour look like an accidental by-product.

Keen to inject

more and pages, several even hired standup comics — such as Jo Brand and Harry Enfield - to Even previously

humour-free zones have been col-onised. Clive James gets the credit for turning television reviews into a cabaret turn, but Nancy Banks-Smith has for years pulled off the altogether harder trick of

writing lyrical, witty prose while also being a perceptive TV critic. Newspaper restaurant reviews are not yet a full humour colony, but the tanks are on the lawn. eaders also love cartoons. The Daily Telegraph should value

Matt, its front-page pocket cartoonist, as dearly as its heavyweight columnists, and political cartoonists such as Peter Brookes in The Times and Steve Bell in The Guardian can say in one drawing what a columnist might need 1,200 words to explain. If there is nothing particu-

larly humorous in the story or the column itself, then a newspaper will do its damnedest to slap on a witty headline. Under Kelvin Mac-Kenzie this used to be a speciality in The Sun - "It's Paddy Pantsdown". and "Toe Job to No Job" when David Mellor quit - and it recently found its old form again with a story about a transsexual

to keep his badge, headlined "No Nobby Bobby Keeps Jobby'

But on the whole, even before the new Punch reaches us, British readers are blessed with some of the wittlest

become a key marketing weapon: The Times once ran an entire advertising campaign with the message "Keep Our Wits About You". Punch will live or die according to whether we share the sense of humour of its new Editor, the iovial Peter McKay. And what makes McKay laugh?

writing available on any

news-stand. As the battle for

readers grows fiercer, a news-

paper's sense of humour has

"Laughter is like sex," he says. Golly! Well, perhaps the way you do it, Peter.

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#### US threatens fresh strikes on Iraq

America declared last night that it was ready to attack Iraq again, in spite of widespread criticism of its cruise missile strike. President Clinton said that President Saddam Hussein had to pay a price for his brutality and be prevented from attacking his neighbours and American interests.

But Saddam ordered his forces to ignore both no fly zones imposed by the West to protect Iraqi Kurds, and said they should shoot down any hostile aircraft over Iraq.......Page 1

#### Bombers and fleet punish Saddam

Operation Desert Strike was launched at 7.15am local time when 27 cruise missiles were fired from US Air Force B52 bombers and two American warships from the northern end of the Gulf. It was the first time that air-launched long-range cruise missiles had been fired in anger.....

#### MoD homes sold

A consortium put together by Japanese bank Nomura International has won the battle to buy Britain's 58,000 military homes with a bid of just under £1.6 ..... Page I

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Police in London seized 105 rhino horns worth almost £3million after a tip-off. The horns were thought to be destined for the Far East, where they are prized as an aphrodisiac..

#### End of the line

A teenager who pretended to be a railway worker and drove passengers at up to 100mph said yesterday: "I would like to be a train driver but I don't suppose that is possible now ...... Page 5

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The parents of drowned youngsters Tom and Jodi Loughlin said that they had "paid the highest price" for a moment's inattention.... ...Page 6

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A tangerine-flavoured alcoholic gel named Thickhead broke the brewing industry's guidelines at its official launch by its overt appeal to young drinkers. Page 7

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The Catholic Church must move from its "culture of disbelief". which has hindered its approach to victims of child sexual abuse, to one of openness and honesty, a report says.....

#### Tests for 5-year-olds

Under government plans to test all five-year-olds, from 1998 children in their first term will be assessed in reading, writing and arithmetic, with other details being provided by parentsPage 8

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Norma Major completed her transformation from caricature of the Huntingdonshire housewife to political partner when she appeared at her husband's side in Scotland last night.....Page 9

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and with the right parenting can become successful stockbrokers instead of serial killers, according to a new study .... .....Page II Police dig up bodies

#### Belgian police unearthed the remains of two bodies at a house owned by Marc Dutroux, who has admitted kidnapping and tor-

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A talkative cockatoo called Primrose which was stolen. renamed Billy, and treated as a budgerigar never forgot its real name. The captive squawked to police as they questioned his abductor. Clive McLoud, 40, was sentenced at Harrow Crown Court to 15 months' imprisonment for handling the stolen bird, which has been reunited with its owner....



Detective Inspector Haz Schofield examines almost E3 million of rhino horns seized after a tip-off to the RSPCA: Page 1

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IN THE TIMES

the mistress and Isabelle

Sharon Stone (left) as

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Today, two things seem certain: the Kurds' protection zone must be restructured; and Saddam Hussein will use the American attack as a pretext to unite the majority of Iraqis, thus consolidating his re-

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#### SIMON JENKINS

American foreign policy is now content-free. Gone is the grand strategy, gone with the Cold War. In its place are what are called "boutique issues", taken off the National Security Council shelf when required for domestic consumption. This year's boutiques have been Bosnia, Ulster and Iraq. Each can be opened at the bidding of a lobbyist, but if it fails to show a quick profit the shutters come 🖨 briskly down ......Page 16

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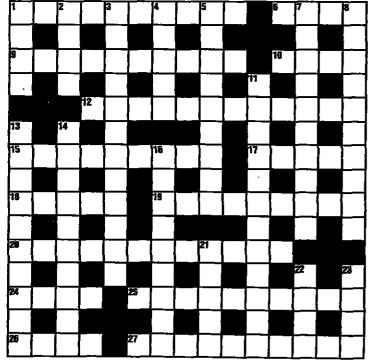
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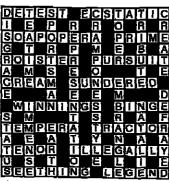
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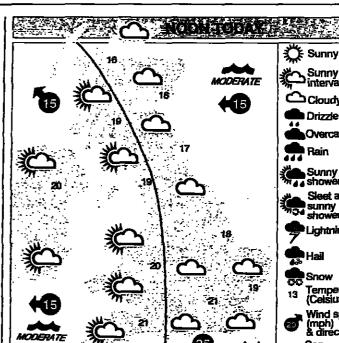
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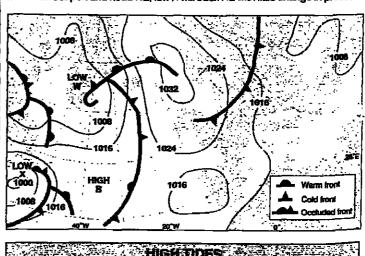
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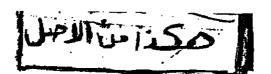
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Wayne Marshall, piping hot in Manchester **PAGES 32-34** 



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Subterranean houses that cut cost of living PAGE 35

million figure reported in the finan-

cial press last month. However, a

spokesman for the company said

that earlier reports were based on a misunderstanding of the intricacies

of the flotation details. An attempt to

bring Brunner Mond to the stock

market two years ago had to be

abandoned because of a soda ash



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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 1996** 

### Brunner Mond chief worth £9 million on paper

By PAUL DURMAN

DAVID WERTHEIM, the chief executive of a company bought out from ICI during 1991, is likely to be worth about E9 million when the company is brought to the stock market.

Brunner Mond, the soda ash business that was bought out of ICI by its management in 1991, will return to the stock market later this month with an expected value of about \$140 million

material in the manufacture of glass, detergents and chemicals. Brunner Mond is the only producer of the chemical in the United Kingdom and the biggest producer by far in Africa.

The flotation looks set to value the 6.35 per cent personal holding of Mr Wertheim, the company's chief exec-utive, at almost E9 million.

With the help of financing from Byvest and CVC Capital Partners, Mr Wertheim and his team paid

Brunner Mond, founded in 1873, was one of the four companies that merged together to form the core of the Imperial Chemical Industries business in 1926. Brunner Mond has plans to raise £46 million of new money for the company, which it will use to pay off £12.5 million of debt and redeem around £33.5

HSBC James Capel, the stockbromillion of preference shares. ker, will place shares with a number of institutional investors. Private investors can apply for shares The suggested £140 million valuation is substantially below the £200

through the intermediaries offer. The minimum investment is £1,000. Applications must be made by

In the year ended June 30, Brunner Mond increased its operating profits to £19.4 million, a 23 per cent rise from the depressed level of the previous year. Sales have actualy declined over the past five years, from £144 million to £138.8 million last year. Its profits peaked at £22.4 million in 1993. However, Brunner Mond believes its prospects are better than for several years. The company is benefiting from the increased demand for glass containers and the recovery in United

Kingdom manufacturing output. Mr Wertheim said that the flota-tion would allow the company to take advantage of the growing demand and improving prices available on markets for soda ash and sodium bicarbonate.

Dealings in the Brunner Mond shares are expected to begin three

funds from the ECB. Howard

Davies, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, argued

last week that any such dis-

crimination would be illegal

under the terms of the single

The Bank is opposed to any

restrictions on access to Tar-

get. Observers believe that the

approach of France and

Germany is an opportunist

attempt to wrest financial

business from London to Paris

Eddie George, Governor of

the Bank, yesterday attended the regular monthly meeting

of the EMI but it is not known whether the Target question was discussed. It is not

thought to have been on the

formal agenda of the meeting.

Mr George said that he had

not noticed any recent im-

provement in the chance of

nations meeting the conver-

gence criteria for monetary

Asked whether he though

that the prospects for EMU were improving, he said:
That would be too strong to

and Frankfurt.

Bank acts to

allay City's

fears on EMU

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Bank of England yester-

day countered alarm that London could lose its place as

Europe's pre-eminent finan-

cial centre if Britain continues to opt out of a European single

Responding to speculation

that as many as 20,000 jobs in

the City and industry could be

lost, a Bank spokesman said:

The conclusion that we have

reached from all the work we

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### MG faces losses of £150m on funds

By Robert Miller and Eric Reguly

MORGAN GRENFELL could face losses of up to £150 million when dealings resume tomorrow in three investment funds at the centre of an investigation by a City watchdog.

Many of the 90,000 investors who put their money in the three funds, valued at £1.4 billion and now the target of an investigation by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), are waiting to redeem their money at the first opportunity.

Morgan Grenfell, which is owned by Germany's Deutsche Bank, said last night that it stood by the promise made on Monday, when the funds were suspended, that " the fund managers will meet their liabilities in respect of any irregularities identified in the course of the investigations into these three funds".

Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, acting on information received from the market, raided Morgan Grenfell's office late last week. The focus of the investigation centres on alleged irregularities on certain unquoted securities held by the three funds.

Peter Young the senior manager of the three funds. the £788 million European Growth, and the smaller Europa and European Capital Growth, was suspended on Monday after being interviewed by Imro officials.

Until the Imro investigation, Mr Young, who joined Morgan Grenfell from Mercury Asset Management in April 1992 had been regarded as the most successful European fund manager in the unit trust business, with a noted longperformance track record. The Imro investigators are focusing on two key areas of the Morgan Grenfell portfolios, both relating to unquoted European investments. They want to know how the valuations of such investments. which are often notoriously illiquid, were made, and whether Imro's 10 per cent ceiling on such holdings in unit trusts by Imro was

The losses to Morgan Grenfell are likely to occur when the managers are forced to sell the most liquid holdings, such as the 11.34 per cent holding in redemptions. The fund manager is the single biggest shareholder in the company, with a stake worth about £160 million. Morgan Grenfell has been a British Biotech shareholder for years and has made a helty profit on the investment even though the shares have been on the wane. Their high, adjusted for a 9-for-I stock split, was 350p against a low of 614 p.Once the marketable shares have been sold

taken these investments onto its own books. Morgan Grenfell, which does not report separate annual results from its parent company, made a substantial contribution to the group's operating profit last year of DM4.3 billion.

Graham Kane, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell's unit trust arm, has stood aside as an Imro director while the

watchdog investigates. The Serious Fraud Office made clear yesterday that it was not investigating the al-leged irregularities at Morgan Grenfell but that it was monitoring the situation.

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07000 telephone numbers to the AIM. He launched the company's prospectus yesterday

### Arjo Wiggins chairman gives backing to Labour

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR will declare a signifi-cant breakthrough today when the chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleton, the Anglo-French paper-maker, becomes the first head of a top UK-listed company publicly to back Tony Blair. Cob Stenham, Arjo's chairman, will announce support

for Labour and predict a Labour victory at the next election. The move comes as Mr Blair today publishes the party's pre-election business manifesto, in which Labour will give five

clear commitments to industry. He told The Times: "There are a lot more business supporters of Labour than meets the eye. Businessmen don't tunities for Business. The like to talk about politics. glossy 28-page document gives

People won't shout their support from the rooftops. But support is slowly and undramatically widening." Mr Stenham, 64, educated at Eton and Cambridge, was joint managing director of Unilever, and a director of Virgin and Capital director of Rothmans. Uni-

gate, Standard Chartered and Trafalgar House. Mr Blair is likely to emphasise Mr Stenham's statement when he publishes to a conference in London of 400 key business leaders Labour's new manifesto for industry, entitled New Opportunities for Business. The

five key economic commitments. It says Labour will: I set tough rules for government spending and borrowing, with interest rates "as low

establish a "central role for Britain" in Europe; ☐ raise standards in schools and promote new opportunities for people; promote small firms by

improving their financial backing and support services; ☐ create a "new partnership" between government and business to improve Britain's competitiveness and revitalise the private finance initiative.

### **SFA** puts the onus on senior managers

By Robert Miller

THE Securities and Futures Authority (SFA); the City watchdog for brokers and futures dealers, has unveiled a tough new regime to make senior managers more responsible for the banks and firms they head.

The SFA, in a consultative document published yesterday, said the experience of the £830 million collapse of Barings, brought about by the unsupervised trading activities of Nick Leeson, had underlined how essential effective general management is in safeguarding the interests of investors using regulated firms".

The watchdog, chaired by Nick Durlacher, will in future insist that senior executive officers (SEOs) take all "reasonable steps to eliminate the possibility of a serious management failure".

The SFA said: "In plain language, in the event of serious damage to a firm. either to its financial position or to its reputation as a regulated entity, and the SFA suspects that management failure has been a cause or a contributing factor, the burden of proof will be on the SEO to satisfy us of the adequacy of his management."

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### Wimpey pledges higher profits By Alasdair Murray

GEORGE WIMPEY, the housebuilder. Yesterday promised to restore full-year operating profits to their highest level since 1990 - in spite of unveiling halfyear losses before tax of £8.6 million.

Joe Dwyer, chairman, said that the company was enjoying the first signs of sustained improvement in the UK housing market for many years, although the benefits were being felt more strongly in the group's detached housing business than in its compact division, which builds semi-detached and terraced houses.

asset swap with Tarmac in March, which resulted in Wimpey exchanging its construction and aggregrates business for Tarmac's private housing arm. The loss for the period to June 30 compares with a profit of £1 million last time. The company blamed an increased interest charge and an E8.4 million loss from its aggregrates division ahead of disposal. Turnover fell

25 per cent to £590 million. Total house completions fell 13 per cent to 5,020 in the UK, although they rose strongly in overseas operations. The Wimpey division that specialises in compact homes made an operating profit

million last year. McLean, which was acquired from Tarmac, made a fourmonth contribution of £10.6 million. Wimpey said it had now ended excep-

tional discounting on its sales and hoped to rebuild margins which fell in both its main housebuilding divisions. The company is also aiming to dispose of about £150 million worth of assets to raise money to replenish McLean's land bank. The interim dividend was maintained at 2p, payable on October 31.

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Treg lifts dividend

and attacks Kepit

HENDERSON Touche Remnant's European Growth invest-

ment trust (Treg), which yesterday lifted its final dividend to

1.8p from 1.7p last year, has resumed the war of words in its

hostile bid for the £500 million Kleinwort Benson European

Privatisation Trust (Kepit). Treg, unveiling its results for the year ending June 30, which saw gross revenue rise to £4.38 million (£3.13 million), said its offer to the 70,000 Kepit

investors was "the chance to exit from a disastrous

The Kepit board met on Monday night to consider Treg's

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Hong Kong tightens up on fund managers

From Jonathan Mirsky IN HONG KONG

IN THE wake of its disciplining of Jardine Fleming (JF) last week, Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) said yesterday that it would increase its visits to the colony's fund managers and further develop guidelines for internal controls.

In testimony to the financial panel of the Legislative Council three senior SFC executives were questioned about whether they could have prevented JF

disciplined had committed fraud or any other crime. They were also asked how widespread the offences are in the colony.

Anthony Neoh, SFC's chairman. noted that the almost HK\$150 million (E12 million) compensation JF was compelled to pay its clients was one of the largest such sums levied in such a case in Hong Kong, London, or New York. He said that the SFC did not have the right to levy penalties, which in the JF case were imposed in from violating Hong Kong regula- London by the Investment Manage-

Organisation (Imro). Such a culture takes time to develop, Mr Neoh said. " Hence our sanctions and censure and why JF's top officials have come to see me and promised to turn over a new leaf.

Asked by Martin Lee QC. the leader of Democratic Party, whether there had been a conspiracy to defraud, Gerard McMahon, executive director of the SFC's enforcement division, said the commission was always on the lookout for criminal activity and that in this case it was

decided there had been none. Asked whether Hong Kong had been caught napping and drawn into the case by London's Imro. Deborah Glass, an SFC senior director, said: This misconduct was investigated and disciplined with great vigour in Hong Kong in co-operation with London. Some \$150 million was returned to investors. All this was done within the existing framework.

The message is very clear." Ms Glass added: "Jardine Fleming will have to earn public trust and meanwhile we will keep them under close scrutiny." As to the SFC following Imro, Mr McMahon explained that JF had initially notified imro in London that there was a problem. They phoned us at once. The joint action in both countries was for the first time in history."

Although the SFC normally audits fund mangers on a three-year cycle. Mr Neoh said that visits now would be more frequent. Agreeing with this stronger action, Dr Huang Chen-ya. chairman of the LegCo panel, said " Let's not wait for another Nick

### offer and the proposals of the nine other fund management

houses, including M&G. Fidelity. Flemings and Barings. Kepit is pressing the parties to agree to a public announcement on each of the proposals so that investors may better evaluate the merits of each. Treg's 5.9 per cent increase in the annual dividend - it only makes one payment a year to investors on on November I - was accompanied by a 70 per cent rise in earnings per ordinary share.

### Stagecoach buys Swebus

STAGECOACH, the rapidly expanding bus and rail company, has become the largest bus operator in Scandinavia after buying Swebus. Sweden's recently privatised bus service, for Eli6 million. The deal gives Stagecoach a second foothold in Europe, adding bus services in Finland. Denmark and Norway to its existing joint venture in Portugal. It also brings 3,450 buses, taking Stagecoach's worldwide bus fleet to 10,650. Its shares rose Ip to 526½ p yesterday.

### **P&O** sells drilling service

P&O, the shipping to property group, is selling its oilfield services to a management buyout team for £37.5 million. The business supplies rental equipment for drilling oil and gas wells in the North Sea and made a pre-tax profit of £4 million last year on sales of £12.7 million. The new owners plan to expand into oil-producing areas worldwide. P&O said yesterday that the sale would yield a profit of £24.5 million compared to book value. The sale price includes repayment of intercompany debt.

### **Kanter for Body Shop**

BODY SHOP International yesterday said that Steen Kanter has succeeded Terry Hartin as chief executive of The Body Shop Inc. its US subsidiary. Mr Kanter's most recent position was as vice-chairman and chief executive officer of Lechters. the US houseware retailer. Before that he worked for 22 years at Ikea, the furnishing retailer. Mr Hartin, 50, will be returning to the UK next year and will remain on the main board of the company.

### Olivetti shares drop

SHARES in Olivetti, the troubled information technology group, fell 7 per cent on the Milan bourse yesterday, close to a record low, as speculation mounted over the state of the company's health. The stock fell to 711 lire before inching back to 5.76 per cent down at 721 lire. Analysts and traders said concern followed newspaper reports rumouring renewed losses of 300 billion lire (£126 million) in the first half. Olivetti launched a 2.26 trillion lire rights issue nearly a year ago to restructure.

### **James Finlay improves**

JAMES FINLAY, the tea company, saw pre-tax profits climb from £1 million to £4.9 million for the six months to June. Group turnover rose 6 per cent, to £86.2 million, while earnings per share increased from 0.4p to 28p. Tea and beverage operations made strong progess, but confectionery disappointed. The dividend increases from 1p to 1.5p. The sale of two non-core financial services businesses cut borrowing by E9 million. BZW predicts full-year pre-tax profits of £13 million.

### Chime sounds advance

CHIME COMMUNICATIONS, the public relations and marketing company whose chairman is Sir Tim Bell. yesterday forecast consolidation in the sector, with the market concentrating further into the five largest companies. Chime said that its pre-tax profits increased to £1.4 million from £1.2 million in the half year to June 30. Earnings rose to 1.6p a share from 1.4p. The interim dividend is increased to 0.55p a share from 0.46p.

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### Cala increases sales

CALA, the housebuilder and property developer, said it had made an encouraging start to the year, with 270 houses sold or reserved at the end of August, against 239 a year ago. The company forecast a significant rise in average selling prices. In the year to June 30, it earned pre-tax profits of £4.2 million against E7 million previously, which included a land sales surplus. Earnings were 6.7p a share (11.2p). There is a final dividend of 2.2p a share, making a total of 3.4p (3.2p).

### Macro expects growth

MACRO 4, the software company, said yesterday that it was difficult to predict the outcome of rapid changes in its traditional mainframe market but expects further growth in earnings per share in the current year. Profits before tax rose to £12.15 million (£11.6 million) in the year to June 30. Earnings were 37.5p a share (35.2p.). The total dividend rises to 24.3p a share (22p), with a 15p final dividend (13.4p). The company spent £4.62 million on share repurchasing.

### Airbus wins orders for more than \$2.9bn

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS INDUSTRIE, the multination airline consortium in which British Aerospace has a 20 per cent stake, has secured orders worth more than \$2.9 billion. The European partnership also further fuelled the war of words with Boeing, its US competitor, by claiming it had overtaken its rival if order cancellations were considered.

Airbus yesterday rolled out three complete orders and a contract signing which is expected to lead to a \$600 million order at the Farnborough Air Show — a day after its Boeing had held up new orders worth \$6.3 billion.

Airbus's biggest order by value was from Federal Ex-press, which will receive II A300 freigher aircraft by the year 2000. The deal is worth \$990 million. Airbus's other orders come from Asiana Airlines, which is taking 18 single-aisle A32Is, priced at \$50 million each, and Cathay Pacific which is buying three long-range A340-300s at \$145 million each. Market sources also tip Asiana to conclude a

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further large deal with Airbus shortly which will lead to orders for 18 A330s, worth \$135 million each. and options on ten further aircraft.

In a further jibe against Boeing, Airbus said the US company had 216 net orders against its own 222 net orders. Airbus also dismissed Boeing's belief that the European super jumbo would be uneconomical to develop, repeating its goal to develop the 3XX, which will seat more than 500. for \$8 billion.

Airbus also attacked Boeing's market share interpretations. In comparable aircraft — those carrying 125-350 people — it says it has a 52 per cent share while Boeing has 43 per cent and McDonnell

Douglas has 5 per cent. However, Boeing retaliated with an estimate of 63-64 per cent market share this year. The European partnership

also said it had unveiled a deal with Germany's Condor Flugdienst for 12 A321s - which has yet to be completed - because Boeing had already announced a preliminary deal with Condor the previous day. John Leahy, Airbus senior vice-president, said: "Both Boeing and Airbus have memoranda of understandings with Condor." Mr Leahy said the deal had been signed earlier in the day at Airbus's headquarters in

Rolls-Royce used the air show to announce business worth more than \$200 million. It said its business from orders for the International Aero Engines V2500, in which it is involved, would amount to \$100 million. The business has been created by four orders worth \$290 million to IAE from International Lease Finance Corporation, EgyptAir, Heliopolis of Cairo and Kibris Turk

Hava Yollari of Turkey. Separately, the aerospace group's aero engine services arm has won an order worth up to E70 million from the Ministry of Defence for the support of engines in the RAF's TriStar fleet.



Paul Dixon, left, and Gary Cuthbertson, finance director, have 12 more dealerships than at the same time last year

### Dixon drives profit ahead at half time

By Fraser Nelson

MORE than 3,000 of the UK's 7,000 car dealerships will close before the end of the century, according to Paul Dixon, chief executive of Dixon.

Reporting interim pre-tax profits of £2.35 million (£1.27 million) for the half year to June 30, he said manufacturers' preference for showrooms with larger floorspace would squeeze smaller dealerships out of the market.

Dixon generated its profits from 29 dealerships against 17 last time. On an underlying basis, sales in new cars rose by 22 per cent against a market rise of 5 per cent. Earnings rose from 6.4p to

10.1p a share, from which an interim dividend of 2p (1.675p) will be paid on Octoher II.

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### Mitre deal creates world's biggest teleservicing group

BY ERIC REGULY

THE world's largest tele- Mitre's chairman, has ca bought Mitre, Britain's leading player in the sector, in a share swap worth £208 million.

The new group will have almost 16,000 employees, operations in North America. Europe and Japan, and clients ranging from Microsoft to Volkswagen. James Lynch, chief executive of Sitel, said: "The completion of the Mitre transaction positions our company for global leadership in

Sitel, which was floated last year on America's Nasdaq market at \$634 a share, exchanged 9.2 million Sitel shares at \$35's each for the entire share capital of privately held Mitre. Henk Kruithof,

servicing company was created emerged as the single largest yesterday when Sitel of Ameri- shareholder with 15 per cent. Teleservicing is industry jargon for reaching customers

by telephone. It involves dealing with customer requests, queries and complaints on products and services. Mitre, for example, handles all customer inquiries, including answering e-mail, for Microsoft Network. the Michael May, president of

Sitel, said teleservicing had strong growth potential as companies increasingly used outside firms for such functions. US corporations spend about \$80 billion a year on teleservicing, but only 5 per cent of that amount is handled by independent operators such as Sitel. He says the independents' share is set to increase dramatically.

Mr May said Sitel was attractive because it brings diversity in terms of geography and clients. Mitre, which trades under four names --Decisions Group, Merit Direct, Call Centre and Merit Communications — has 65 Times 100" clients.

Mitre reported revenues of £28.5 million in 1995, up 70 per cent. It is profitable, though details were not available.

By Sarah Cunningham

ICELAND, the frozen food

retailer, vesterday reported its first profit decline in 26 years,

sending its shares skidding to

The fall in the shares, from 1012p to 912p, wiped more

than El million off the value of

the stake in Iceland held by

Malcolm Walker, its chair-

man and chief executive. He

holds some 11.2 million shares. In the six months ended

June 29, Iceland made a pre-

tax profit of £29.8 million,

compared with £33.6 million a

year ago. Mr Walker said he

expected to report lower prof-

Like-for-like sales in the first

half were up a marginal 0.4

per cent. In the first eight

weeks of the second half, they

have fallen 0.5 per cent. The

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a five-year low.

### Shaftesbury gains option in Charing **Cross Road**

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHAFTESBURY, the property company that owns the Chinatown Estate in London's West End, is poised for eastward expansion. The company has secured a toehold over a parade of 26 shops in Charing Cross Road with the option to buy the investment over a period of three years. A private Hong Kong investor has paid £11 million to

Westminster Council to acquire the shops at 51-79 Charing Cross Road, WC2. The 35,500 square foot investment which makes up the ground floor of a block of flats and a car park backs on to Newport Place in Chinatown. Under the terms of the deal,

Shaftesbury will share in any improvement in rent and capital value, but the Chinatown landlord has also secured a pre-emption right over the property. The property group agreed a similar deal in 1993 with KPMG, receivers to the Island site next door to the Trocadero. In July. Shaftesbury bought the Island Site properties outright from KPMG for £31 million in a deal which extended its Chinatown holdings westwards with the addition of 26 restaurants and shops.

First results decline in 26 years

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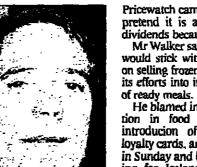
2 per cent rise this year. Mr Walker said that temporary closures because of a twoyear programme to refurbish



Walker: £1m blow

stores would mean £2.5 million to £3 million off profits this year, most of it still to come in the second half.

cutting programme launched in May would mean a 0.5 per cent cut in margins in the second half, equal to another E3 million to E4 million off profits. He said of the



He also said that its price-

Iceland feels the chill pretend it is already paying dividends because it isn't. Mr Walker said the company would stick with its emphasis on selling frozen foods, putting its efforts into increasing sales

> He blamed intense competition in food retailing the introducion of supermarket loyalty cards, and the increase in Sunday and late-night trading for Iceland's woes. The company, he said, had "encountered unprecedented pressures during 1996".

Analysts said that while the lower profit figures had been well flagged by Iceland, they had been taken aback by the fall in like-for-like sales in the

past few weeks. Earnings per share were 7.06p, down from 7.89p, but the interim dividend rose 9.1 per cent to 1.8p. payable on November 18. It said it would fund the increase out of cash flow.

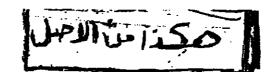
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### The price is wrong for ITV

THE giant slogans screaming out from posters up and down the country say: "Give me Five". The exciting new season of Premier League lootball, featuring the great influx of European talant, is live and exclusive on BSkyB. The new cookery channel is only on cable. So why does the market insist on unless the market in the market insist on valuing ITV

companies so highly?
Shares in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees TV had the good grace to slip 22 p to £12.15 yesterday as the company wittered on about level playing fields in TV regulation to accompany a reasonable set of half-year figures. But these are shares that were interest. shares that were just 565p a year ago and only 110p in 1993. HTV has had a similarly exciting ride and Scottish TV shares, pumped up by the Mirror Group's interest, are twice the price they

Sure, everybody thinks there is going to be some more consolida-tion in ITV. And of course there is a great belief that Gerry Robinson wants to add YTTV to his ever growing Granada em-pire. But can these companies really be worth 35 times their annual earnings?

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Put plain and simply, ITV is a declining industry. The market for advertising funded television in the UK is becoming increasingly crowded as Channel 4 continues its flow of success which could lead to its privatisa-

tion, cable and satellite services start taking chunks of advertising spend and the new Channel 5 comes on stream, with its avowedly populist outlook and agressive marketing. There is this assumption of a bottomiess pit of marketing expenditure from which ITV can draw a

decent income. In truth there is a finite pie, the size of which is dependent on the growth of the economy, and IIV is fighting for its slice, offering an expensive product that is having increasing trouble delivering the programming and audiences advertisers actually upon. actually want.
On the other side of the financial equation, the costs of

actually delivering this product are rising. ITV went through a draconian round of cost cutting in the late-1980s and early-1990s. Many of the old Spanish prac-tices were cut out, staff were put on short-term contract and many, including John Birt, the Director-General of the BBC, were employed on a freelance basis. Prompted by the success of Channel 4, the ITV companies became happy to subcontract the

grammes to production companies, often operating with two people and a dog in Soho, which have lower overheads. And because ITV has such strong buying power, it has been able to exploit these minnows by as much as the Office of Fair Trading would allow.

But the tide is changing. Talent is at a premium, as is shown by the massive salaries paid to the likes of Cilla Black. The cost of sports rights and feature films have been pushed into the stratosphere by BSkyB. ITV is being squeezed and the market values it like a growth industry. Something must give.

#### Red ink and red faces at Deutsche

☐ INDEPENDENT directors of Kepit, the ailing Kleinwort Ben-son European fund now being fought over by rival City fund managers, can eliminate one of the ten proposals on their boardroom table. Fed-up shareholders are unlikely to vote for Morgan Grenfell to take over. Even last week, it might have **PENNINGTON** 

been different. No unit trust in the sector has been so often and so widely recommended as Morgan Grenfell European Growth, along with MG Europa Capital, geared to smaller companies, and Peter Young, Morgan's star European manager manager. Rarely can so many indepen-

dent financial advisers have looked as stupid as they did when Morgan suspended Mr Young and the funds on Monday. They will also be very angry. They pushed clients into MGEG because its high-flying performance did not appear to be a flash in the pan. It was that rare gem, a unit trust that topped the league one year and virtually repeated the performance the next. It even scored top marks on

pseudo-scientific tests that supposedly measure risks as well as price performance. Morgan Grenfell is also owned by Deutsche Bank, on paper an addi-tional guarantee of sound practice and worry-free nights.

Admittedly, it was no secret that Mr Young's policy was bold. Any general European unit trust that invests 48 per cent of its vast funds in Scandivanian stocks is unusual. To put 20 per cent into Norway alone, with a high proportion in unquoted stocks, is eccentric.

Mr Young backed high-tech companies. That worked well until they went out of fashion in New York and were hit in London by British Biotech's big rights issue. Then things started to go from bad to worse, leading. as so often in such circumstances, to "irregularities" over valuing unquoted stock left high and dry by the slide in com-parable listed shares.

Deutsche Bank will surely pay dearly for its mistakes, and not only by very properly agreeing to losses incurred as a result. These

that should have been anticipated by senior managers. Nei-ther regulators nor investment advisers will easily forgive them.

### Watchdog wakes up and barks

☐ A FRISSON of fear has gone through the lunch rooms of the Square Mile. In the City Club many are choking on their jam roly poly. For the Securities and Futures Authority has finally decreed that senior executive officers of securities houses should take all reasonable steps to understand the firm's business or businesses".

This is not so much closing the barn door after the horse has bolted as shutting the Thames Barrier once London is six feet under water. The City's regulator has decided that Peter Baring's excuse that he did not understand the business Nick Leeson was conducting is no excuse for letting the rogue trader ruin a 200-year-old bank. So is the SFA to turn up at the

door of Derek Wanless, chief executive of NatWest Group, and

ask him about his understanding of the derivative business? After all, at the end of last year NatWest's gross exposure to derivatives contacts was over £1,000 billion. This boils down to a mere £7.5 billion when all the checks and balances, which keep the derivatives business going, are taken into account. But it is still enough to blow a nasty hole in NatWest's balance sheet should anything go wrong. Mr Wanless is an intelligent

man. But he has no experience of this growing business. Indeed few of the senior executives running the City's banks know much more than the basics about derivatives. They rely on people who are expens in risk assessment to keep their whiz-kids in check. Is this enough or should the banks send their senior executives back to school?

#### Tardy climbdown

☐ NORWICH UNION says it is happy with the changes to George Simpson's pay package, as do many of the other institutions who objected to the new GEC man's fat cat salary. Alas, GEC handled the slightly are set. GEC handled the climbdown as badly as it handled the rest of the process. Some funds have found it too late to change their votes in time for Friday's AGM. So GEC will appear to be even more unloved than it actually is.

### **Burford** prepares for third demerger

Burford Holdings, the property company, is close to appointing advisers to prepare its third demerger in less than a year.

Burford plans to spin off Grantchester, its retail warehouses subsidiary, in a float that will value the company at up to £100

Burford owns 25 per cent, but plans to inject its own warehouse sites in Huddersfield and Falkirk into Grantchester in return for a stake of up to 70 per cent in the company. It will distribute the majority of this stake to shareholders, while maintaining its 25 per cent stake.

Burford's previous deinclude Troca dero, the leisure centre in Piccadilly, which yesterday reported its first interim results since floating on the AIM last November. Profits dipped from £1 million to £995,000. The company said it was on course to pay a dividend in

### Linx rises

Linx Printing Technologies, the printing equipment supplier, reported £1.79 million pre-tax profits (£1.42 million) in the year to June 30. A final dividend of 1.9p (1.4p). payable on November 29. makes a total of 2.8p. up from 2.lp.

### Argent ahead

Argent Group, the property development and investment company, increased pre-tax profits to £2.06 million (£1.15 million) in the six months to June 30. with earnings rising to 2.6p (1.7p). Again there is no interim dividend.

#### Ropner falls Ropner, the engineering,

shipping and property company, is holding the interim dividend at 3.5p a share in spite of a fall in profits to £1.89 million (£2.12 million) before tax in the six months to June 30.

### Abbot soars

Abbot Group, the oil industry services company. reported pre-tax profits of £3.5 million (£621,000) in the half-year to June 30. The dividend of 0.64p a share (0.56p) is payable on November 6.

### Peek progress

Peek, the traffic lights and data systems maker, made profits of £4 million (£3.7 million) before tax and exceptionals in the half year to June 30. The dividend, paid on January 3. is held at 1.05p.

### Blue Circle figures buoyed by strong demand from overseas

BLUE CIRCLE, the building and heating group, said yes-terday that there was little sign of improving demand in either its United Kingdom cement business or its European bathroom and heating operations, as it unveiled a 12 per cent rise in first-half

The company, which earlier this year embarked on a £500 million worldwide investment programme to improve productivity, saw its turnover increase by 4 per cent, to £874.4 million.

Its results were buoyed by strong demand in several territories, including the United States and Malaysia, while operating profits in its restructured heating division lead ahead. Earnings per share rose from 8.4p, to 8.9p.

Keith Orrell-Jones, group chief executive, said that the company is setting up a development team in India to study potential acquisitions. The company is also actively seeking takeover targets in South East Asia and in South America.

Pre-tax profits of £116.3 million were largely in line with expectations, and analysts suggested that the 12 per cent increase would look impressive by the time the rest of the sector has reported its results. Operating profits in the UK

cement division fell 21 per cent, to £24 million, as demand remained depressed. and the company expects infrastructure investment to remain low this year.

In Chile, falling cement prices and repair costs meant that operating profits fell slightly, to £20.5 million, but in Malaysia they were up by 58 per cent, to £17.8 million, and in the United States by 18 per cent, to £25.1 million.

In the heating division, the company met its full-year target of £9 million in cost savings in the first half, reporting an increase in operating profits from £100,000 to £9

Mr Orrell-Jones said that the division aimed to achieve annual operating profits of about £90 million within the next two and a half years.

Operating profits from the bathroom division fell slightly, from £13.9 million to £12.8 million as a result of falling demand in the United Kin dom, Italy and South Africa. One analyst expressed dis-

debt down to £18.5 million and gearing falling from 2.9 per cent to 1.5 per cent, the company had still not made a significant acquisition in target territories such as Argenti-na and the Philippines. He suggested that Blue Circle should consider a share buyback if no deal is struck in the near future. Mr Orrell-Jones said that

the company saw no reason to consider a buyback now, adding that it would focus on opportunities to grow the business but would not be forced into an acquisition by its strong balance sheet. The interim dividend increased from 4p, to 4.25p. The

shares fell 42p, to 373p.

or three years to more than

double the size of its Singapore

European chemical sales

were sluggish. UK sales, a third of the first-half total of

£230 million, fell 3 per cent

and German sales 8 per cent.

But Croda said that Europe

was now picking up.
The interim dividend rises

6.2 per cent, to 3.45p a share.



Lord Tugendhat, left, Blue Circle chairman, with Keith Orrell-Jones, chief executive, yesterday

### Croda profits lifted by sales in SE Asia

BY PAUL DURMAN of beefing up its Asian sales team. It plans in the next two

SHARES of Croda International were among the stock market's best performers yesterday as the chemicals company turned in better than expected first-half results.

Strong demand in South-East Asia helped Croda to increase profits at its main chemicals division to £25.2 million, an uplift of nearly 6 per cent. Interest on borrowings and small losses in minor businesses meant that the company's pre-tax total came out at £22.5 million. a 4.7 per cent improvement on the first half last year.

Croda's shares rose 25p, to

The City took heart from upheat comments by Michael Valentine, Croda's chairman, who said that he was "chipper" about the outlook because of the steady economic growth in many parts of the world. Mr Valentine said that

Croda was feeling the benefit

### Jefferson Smurfit feels pain of global downturn in prices

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

paper prices and worldwide overcapacity in processing was blamed for a sharp de-cline in profits at Jefferson Smurfit, the paper and packaging company based in the Republic of Ireland.

Yesterday the company re-ported a 37 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits to Ir£126 million in the six months to June 30, from Ir£200 million for the same

period last year. Earnings per share fell to Ir8.2p (Ir12.8p). But Jefferson Smurfit declared a 7 per cent increase in the interim dividend to Irl.5p. payable on November 1.

All of Jefferson Smurfit's geographical sectors were hit by the cyclical downturn in the paper industry.

Continental Europe recorded the biggest decline, of almost 42 per cent, in pre-tax profits from the same period

last year. Sales and operating profits slumped across all its operations in France Spain. Germany, Austria and Swe-

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, profits were down 12 per cent to just under Ir£19 million but the company said that it expected a recovery in both markets in the second half.

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### Sales agency given warning by Yorkshire **Tyne Tees TV**

might terminate its contract with Laser, its sales agency, unless Laser succeeded in boosting its ailing advertising market share (See Pennington this page). The warning came as the

independent television company reported a strong rise in profits in the half year to the end of June. The increase was almost entirely down to a combination of more programme sales and tight controls on operating and administrative expenses.
Although Yorkshire's adver-

tising revenue grew 3.4 per cent to £84.6 million in the period, its share of overall ITV advertising revenue declined marginally to 10.22 per cent. Ward Thomas, the chair-

man and chief executive of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, said that the performance was very disappointing.

He blamed the decline in

part on advertisers, notably British Telecom, focusing their advertising attentions on London instead of the regions. The company's peak advertising share was 14.4 per cent.
The lacklustre advertising figures sent Yorkshire's shares

down 2212 p to £12.15p. Shares of Granada, the TV and hotels group that owns 24 per cent of Yorkshire and is expected to mount a full takeover bid, declined 16.5p to 8492p. Mr Ward said that Yorkshire-Tyne Tees was talking

firmly with Laser, which is owned by Granada, about the advertising downturn and said that it could terminate the Laser contract if its advertising market share dipped be-low 10.9 per cent.

Granada declined to comment, but is understood not to be taking the threat seriously. Yorkshire's pre-tax profits were £13.3 million, or 17.2p a share, up 79 per cent from the £7.4 million, or 9.4p a share, in the previous period. Turnover rose 5 per cent to £136.1 million. The interim dividend, to be paid on October 9, was set at 6.8p. compared with

Mr Ward dismissed the recent comments from Duncan Lewis, head of Granada

YORKSHIRE-Tyne Tees Television said yesterday that it on the idea of buying York-

shire as "a puerile attempt to get the share price down". He said he had suggested that Granada should demerge its TV operations if it does buy Yorkshire. He added: "There is a lot of sense in having a

separate quoted company. Granada has considered a demerger, but it is not expected to make any moves until it sells the luxury Forte hotels it acquired earlier this year.

### IMI goes on prowl again

By Fraser Nelson

IMI, the engineering group, said yesterday that the surplus from the disposal of its titanium business had set it firmly on ing it with firepower of more than £130 million. Alan Emson, finance di-

rector, said that even after January's £134 million acquisition of Heimeier, a German valve maker, the £70.8 million profit made on selling its loss-making titanium division had minimised the impact on shareholders' funds.

Heimeier generated sales of £39 million in its first six months with the company, helping group sales to £690 million (£669 million). Profits were £67.2 million (£49 million) before tax and exceptionals.

Profits from the building products division grew 40 per cent to £23.7 million in the six months. However, unsold copper stocks ran up a loss of £500,000. Borrowings dropped to E39 million, compared with £101 million last time. Exceptionals aside, earnings increased from 9.5p to 3p per share. The interim dividend rose from 4.6p to 5p. It will be paid on

Integration planned as freight company advances

### Ocean makes a splash with payout

BY PAUL DURMAN

OCEAN GROUP, the freight handling company that is being shaken up by new management, is raising its dividend for

the first time in five years. The interim payment to shareholders has been increased 6.2 per cent to 5p a

John Allan, who took over as chief executive two years ago. also outlined plans to bring together MSAS, Ocean's freight forwarding business, with McGregor Cory, its warehouse management and distribution arm. Mr Allan believes Ocean should be able to offer its international customers an integrated logistics service.

Ocean, which has modest borrowings.

ain access to skills that it lacks. Mr Allan said information technology skills are increasingly important.

Other conclusions from the company's strategic review include setting a 3 per cent profit margin target next year for MSAS, which is the world's secondlargest air freight forwarder. McGregor Cory is to concentrate on the UK and Spain, and will pull out of Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands.

Oll, the business whose boats support the offshore oil and gas industry, is set to concentrate on more attractive markets such as West Africa and South-East Asia. In the six months ending June 30, Ocean made pre-tax profits of £27 million, an underlying increase of 11.6 per cent.

which increased profits 38 per cent to £9.5 million. This was largely due to an improvement in margins from 1.8 to 2.4

MSAS, with first-half sales of £399 million, provided the bulk of Ocean's £550 million turnover.

Boat maintenance work led to a £1.4 million fall in profits at OIL, which contributed £9.5 million. Management action has yet to show through at McGregor Cory, which made £700,000, down from £2.1 million. However, Ocean said the company has won some attractive new business.

Cory Towage, the tug boat arm, increased its contribution from E5.2 million to F5.7 million. Ocean's shares rose 1212 p to 462 p. Two

Churchill can insure your car for less







### Government raises £202m with sale of power stakes

THE equity market had to contend with an early bout of indigestion after the Government raised £202.6 million by disposing of 3 per cent stakes in three different electricity

The sale of shares in National Power, PowerGen and Southern Electric by way of auction was arranged by Rothschild, the merchant bank. In the event, 28.46 million shares in National Power and 856,928 shares in Southern Electric were sold to Goldman Sachs, the US securities house at prices of 393p and 650p respectively, while million shares in PowerGen were sold to UBS.

the broker, at 498p a share. The bulk of the holdings were then sold on by UBS and Goldmans to institutional clients. National Power finished 9p lower at 393p, while PowerGen fell 8\(\frac{1}{2}\)p to 495\(\frac{1}{2}\)p and Southern Electric firmed

The shares in both PowerGen and National Power were held by the Treasury to meet its obligations in paying bonus shares in respect of the sale of both companies in March 1995.

The spectre of rising US interest rates came back to haunt the London stock market, where share prices responded with sharp falls.

investors, already con-cerned by this week's suspension of dealings in several investment funds controlled by Morgan Grenfell, ran for cover. Suggestions that Deutsche Bank, Morgan Grenfell's parent company, is going to have to dig deeper into its pockets and offer compensation did nothing to soothe frayed nerves.

For most of the morning the London market waited to see how Wall Street would respond after the Labor Day celebrations to suggestions in the American financial press that the Federal Open Market Committee is poised to raise rates after further evidence of increased inflationary pressures brought on by the rise in the oil price. The US raids on

Iraq only added to the tension. But with the Dow Jones industrial average moving into positive territory after recovering from an early 54point fall, London was able to regain some of its composure. The FT-SE 100 index, downalmost 50 points during the afternoon, eventually reduced its deficit to end 28.5 points



National Power and PowerGen shares finished lower

down at 3,355.9. The sale of the Government's holding in the electricity companies swelled the total number of shares traded to 703 million.

Bid rumours at Lloyds Abbey Life refuse to go away. The price touched 578 p initially allowing one bear to try to cover a short position. But the price quickly rebounded to finish just 6p lower on the day million, but the group said there were lew signs of significant recovery in either the domestic cement market or sales of bathrooms and heating in Europe.

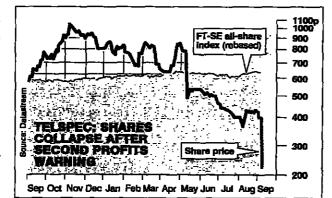
George Wimpey turned in a loss of £8.6 million at the half-way stage, compared with a profit of £1 million for the corresponding period. It follows the asset swap with

Memory Corporation, the Aim-listed semi-conducter group, is just a pale shadow of its former self. Yesterday the shares shumped 13½p to a new low of 24p. Brokers are continuing to take an increasingly pessimistic view blaming technical problems. At the start of the year the shares stood at 468p.

at 5942p as the buyers returned, spurred by talk of a possible bid from either its parent company, Lloyds TSB. down 9p at 3672 p, or Prudential, down 62p at 424p ahead

of figures next week. Half-year figures from Blue Circle Industries failed to cut much ice with brokers, with the shares closing 3½p cheaper at 373p. Pre-tax profits were up from £104 million to £116 Tarmac earlier this year that leaves Wimpey concentrating on its housebuilding opera-tions. The shares finished 4½p

Half-year figures in line with expectations and the first increase in the payout for five years helped Ocean Group to a rise of llp at 4602p. But a profits setback for leeland Group, the frozen food retailer left the shares 8p lower at 91p.



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Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, the independent broadcaster where Granada owns a 24 per cent stake, retreated 222p to £12.15 in spite of seeing halfyear pre-tax profits almost double to £13.3 million. Worries about falling advertising revenue undermined the fig-ures and also led to a fall in Carlton Communications of 9p to 4751-p.

City speculators expect Granada to make a full bid for Yorkshire-Tyne Tees at some stage. Granada finished 16<sup>1</sup>2 p lower at 8495 p.

United News & Media fell 18p to 704 p. The group plans to merge the Sunday Express with the Daily Express and turn it into a seven-day publication. It will mean the loss of

Shares in Telspec tumbled 180p to 2222 p after the second profits warning in four months. In November, the shares stood at £10, but last vear's results failed to match expectations and the decision by the chairman to raise £14 million with the sale of a 10 per cent stake at 720p was not well received. The group is expected to unveil losses of £6

GILT-EDGED: Bond prices moved easier throughout the morning in line with US Treasury bonds. Brokers are becoming increasingly worried about the possibility of a revival of inflationary pressures brought about by the recent jump in the oil price. In addition, investors also

had to contend with the prospect of a rise in US interest rates. A stronger than expected rise in the US National Association of Purchasing Managers' index only added to the gloom. In the futures pit, the Sep-tember series of the Long Gilt

to close seven ticks down at £1061516 as a total of 51,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished five ticks easier at £971516, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000

fell to £106916 before rallying

was also five ticks off at E1035/16. □ NEW YORK: Wall Street shrugged off fears of higher interest rates. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 15.91 points to

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### TEMPUS

### Going round in Circles

TRUE to type, Blue Circle Industries railed yesterday at the Government for neglecting to invest in Britain's infrastructure. Blaming the Government is an occupational pastime for those in the building trade but it is difficult to see why they still bother. The outlook is bleak and likely to remain so: house prices may be rising but builders are nervously biting their lips over the weak level of transactions. A Labour government is unlikely to have the cash or the will to turn fields into concrete.

Anyway. Blue Circle is scouting for bigger game elsewhere. While cement profits fell at home they rose sharply almost everywhere else. Most striking was the 58 per cent surge in the return from Malayan Cement. In Malaysia, Blue Circle has a jewel of an investment; the country has developed an unfortunate American obsession with tall

buildings, not to mention airports and general infrastructure projects. At the same time, cement imports are subject to control. ensuring that domestic suppliers, like Blue circle, are protected from dumping. Such a profitable platform gives Blue Circle the confidence to seek admission to building sites elsewhere in Asia.

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That prospect, and more efficient use of its capital in the UK cement business, would be enough reason to buy Blue Circle shares. Yet the company is also putting right its home products arm. With little benefit yet from a £55 million restructuring charge, the boilers business produced a £9 million profit in the first half. With cost savings of £25 million, home products could make £60 million next year, growth that deserves better than a market rating.

#### Iceland

TAKE a look in your freezer cabinet, count the number of ancient bags of frozen peas and you will understand why leeland Group is in difficulty. Food retailing has become the most viciously competitive of sectors. shown by Iceland's weak interim profits and falling sales. The problem is that Iceland lacks a raison d'être.

The supermarket price war and the arrival of continental discount chains caused Iceland to lose its superior edge on pricing. A new emphasis on provision of service by the big superstores has also left Ice-land behind.

While the company reckons that sales of frozen foods in the UK are still growing, all the signs are that fresh produce is growing in de-mand with the public. Customers seeking both fresh and frozen goods will find ample choice at increasingly wellstocked food superstores. In that context, Malcolm

Walker, chairman of Iceland, is not convincing when he asserts: "Frozen food is the only business to be in." Nevertheless, Iceland is attempting to address its probcutting prices. Unfortunately, the cuts, launched in May, have failed to lift sales and will be expensive, lopping 0.5 per cent off margins in the second half.

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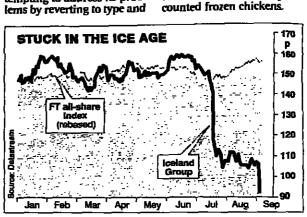
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Iceland has manoeuvred itself into a corner and it will find buyers of its shares as thin on the ground as customers for its heavily-discounted frozen chickens.



#### Jefferson Smurfit

DIRE warnings in April of a profits downturn proved pre-scient as Jefferson Smurfit revealed that a collapse in the price of linerboard has cut its bottom line by a third. Vol-umes are not helping, partic-ularly in Europe, but the main problem is the age-old volatility of paper prices.

Linerboard is down some 50 per cent from its peak and at \$340 per tonne is barely above breakeven level, reckoned to be \$300 per tonne. Much of this is not because of weak demand but oversupply. When the industry ral-lied in 1994 on the back of soaring paper prices, the grey paper barons nodded sagely and promised not to engage in foolish investment in new plant. Two years down the track and it is clear that they kicked their heels and made a dash for market share. Capacity has grown over 5 per cent in an industry where a percentage increase amounts to a million tonnes.

Still, downturns offer opportunities for those with money in their pockets and Smurfit is exceptionally well-placed with lowish gearing to pick up the odd packaging business to use up spare board capacity. A linerboard price increase planned for September may not succeed but we are probably near or at the floor. Since every \$10 rise in the price of the commodity adds more than a penny to Smurfit's per share earnings, an investment today could prove timely.

### Wimpey

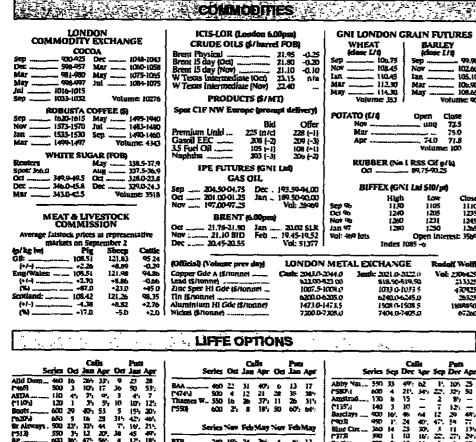
No longer on the critical list, Britain's housebuilders are still a long way from rude

health. Wimpey is now the leader of the pack following the asset swap with Tarmac which gave it McLean Homes. The good news is that McLean has been absorbed without a hitch but McLean's biggest drawback is a shortage of land. That

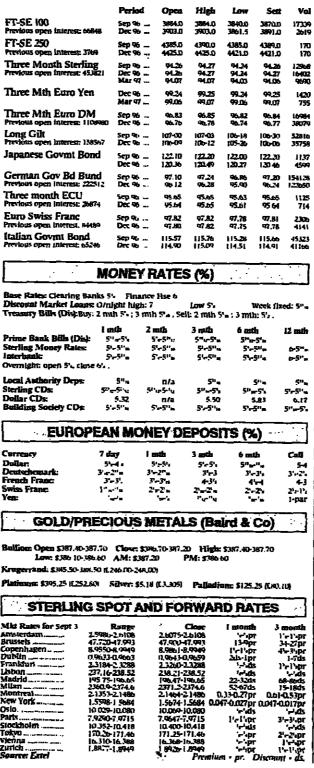
could cause problems: Wimpey made clear yesterday it will use money from disposals rather than a rights issue to fund land deals. The company sought to downplay the impact of land price inflation - claiming it uses a high quantity of "brown" land on the edge of conurbations. which has not yet suffered big price increases.

Wimpey emphasises that its aim is to improve margins - which tumbled in the past year - not sales. However, consumers and especially first-time buyers are behaving oddly in this market and homebuilders have yet to find the magic formula to fold. While the secondhand market looks more buoyant. homebuyers are shunning the mass-produced units of the builders, leaving prices relatively stable. Shareholders will have to take Wimpey's professed change of culture on trust alone.

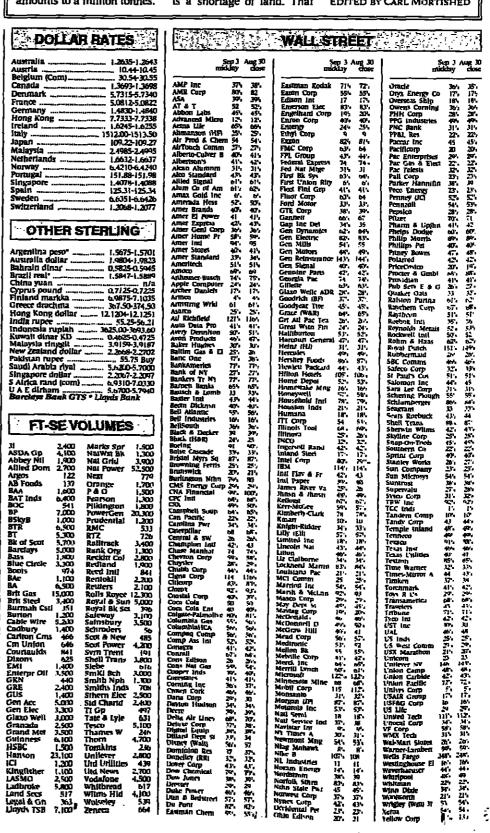
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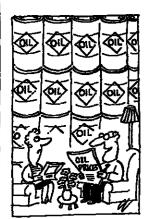
LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES



Dixon dreams up the idea after he tried unsuccessfully to buy the signature tune to Mission: Impossible, the blockbuster film. Unable to afford the £4 million price, Dixon plumped for Perry Como's It's Impossible to accompany this year's advertising campaign, which came at a cost of only £10,000. Dixon, who relayed his message to the masses with Como crooning in the background, said the "selfdestruct" ending was sure to fire his staff with missionary zeal.

#### On the hop

GEORGE WIMPEY, the building and construction group that mercilessly removed the marmalade moggy from its logo last year, has been beset by problems from the animal kingdom. When Ardel Developments, the group's Australian arm, started work on Allanbie Heights in Victoria, the developers came up against a settle-ment of frogs that could cost them about A\$40,000 (£20,000) to accommodate. Allanbie will have to put an extra two months' work into the development. building an amphibianfriendly underpass for the huge frog population that is protected by a preservation order in this corner of New South Wales.



"Either way we should be all right for winter

CONGRATULATIONS to yesterday won Receptionist of the Year Award for her services to KPMG. She beat off stiff competition from BZW and Hoggett Bowers, the recruitment company, to win the title sponsored by UPS, the package distribution company. O'Rourke, who has been at the accountancy for eight years, designed the uniform worn by girls on the front desk at the Salisbury Square offices.

### Crying shame

ONE in ten businessmen says that stress caused by travelling is equal to that suffered during a divorce. Aching limbs and weeping fits are among the most common complaints cited by travelling executives. according to a survey by The Athenaeum Hotel. Fellow passengers and an absence of complimentary drinks are what riles highflyers most, while 80 per cent of those who go by car prefer to set off on a Sunday to avoid the chaos of Monday morning con-gestion. Curiously, travelling with family was voted more stressful than travelling with colleagues.

CITY wags are musing on Imro's success as it creeps up on the SFA as the City's number one watchdog after it fined Jardine Fleming £700,000; Save & Prosper, Robert Fleming's unit trust arm. £115.000; and it recently examined Morgan Grenfell's European funds. They are even placing bets on when the organisation will start paying a dividend out of its newly acquired wealth.

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### How the courting of business is paying dividends for Blair

A growing band of executives

is turning to

Labour, says Philip Bassett

he endorsement today of Tony Blair by Cob Stenham, chairman of Arjo Wiggins Appleion, the Anglo-French paper company, will mark the fur-thest that British business has ver gone in backing new Labout for government.

His announcement, the first by a head of a FT-SE 100 company, will come as the Labour leader launches his latest attempt to woo British business: a version of Labour's Road to the Manifesto preelection policy statement aimed specifically at industry.
At London's QEII conference

centre, just across Parliament Square from the Commons, the Labour leader will publish to a conference of 400 businessmen and women New Opportunities for Business - a 28-page glossy document setting out Labour's key economic and business policies.

Labour leaders will also use today's conference to try to cast aside some of the party's directly political summer angst by wheeling out what party managers hope will be an impressive display of unity: Messrs Prescott, Brown, Blunkett, Harman, Straw and Beckett will all be on show.

Such a galaxy of Labour luminaries, significantly ranging beyond the direct economic party leaders, will probably overshadow a separate conference, just across the road at Church House behind Westminster Abbey, where Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, will spell out to business leaders, local authority officials and training specialists the Government's commitment to lifetime learning at a discussion organised by Britain's business-led Training and Enterprise Councils.

But increasingly, Labour is able to claim that its message to – that new Labour is now newly friendly to business is getting through.

The Institute of Management, which represents more than 70,000 individual managers and 700 corporate members, closely tracks the business vote, and its latest snap poll this week of a sample of more than 400 managers, ranging from directors to middle and junior management grades, showed support for Labour steady at 25 per cent. Not only is this up from 12 per cent at the last election in 1992, but it comes as Conservative support among



Cob Stenham is the latest figure from the business world publicly to endorse Tony Blair

managers has fallen from 61 per cent then to 43 per cent now. This clearly shows a Conservative lead, but indicates a swing to Labour.

Even more comforting for the Labour leadership are the poll's findings on new Labour Mr Blair's recasting of the Labour party in his own mould. Not only do 56 per cent of managers surveyed believe that there is a real difference between old and new Labour, as Mr Blair and Labour modernisers claim, but two thirds agree that new Labour is more in tune with the needs of

business than old Labour. In his business manifesto. Mr Blair will set out Labour's five key commitments to business, including a pledge to maintain low inflation and low interest rates, and emphasising Labour's adherence to saving

and investing rather than tax- etrable to outsiders, but the ing and spending. But while Labour needs glit-

tering, high-profile conferences like today's to advance its business case publicly, putting its points to companies such as BT. Shell, Rover, WH Smith. McDonald's, Hanson, Ford, Camelot, Marks & Spencer, John Laing, Sainsbury, the Bank of England, Taylor Woodrow and Pizza Hut, behind the scenes it is putting in detailed work with business not just to reassure business about Labour, but to ensure that business has full and proper access to Labour in the run-up to the election — and, indeed, beyond if it wins.

Labour leaders recognise that politics often tends to confuse business - not just the sometimes off-putting political process, which can seen impenapparently never-ending whirl those involved.

While business leaders certainly hop from job to job, the tenure of even the most promiscuous in employment terms is usually longer than the turnover of politics normally mands. Regardless of the political party concerned, business leaders often find that contacts they have made with individual politicians seem all but useless when the politician concerned is moved within a year to a different department.

While Labour, like all political parties, can do little about such churning - indeed, such movement is a vital tool of political management - it is trying to introduce a greater degree of consistency to rela-

Labour leaders have estab-

centre in Millbank, just along what they call the Business Relations Unit. Part of its job is to garner business support, and build a database of Labour supporters in business, with the intention of drip-feeding in the run-up to the election star names who will come out for Labour, following business figures such as Sir Terence Conran, the style guru. Sir David Naish, the farmers' leader, and, today, Cob Stenham.

While such endorsements are an indication of the extent of business backing for Labour. they give little away about business demand for Labour -the extent to which every leading Labour figure, and most Labour MPs, are now besieged by requests from business figures to meet them, talk to them, lunch with them.

Recently one particularly enterprising chamber of commerce wrote to every Labour frontbencher, asking them to address the chamber. After the replies were in, tearoom chatter happened to discover that the chamber's next six months of meetings were solidly booked with Labour figures. While Labour is keen to spread its word to business, party leaders decided that such deployment was perhaps not the most efficient use of the party's resources.

To deal with such problems, Mr Blair has given the job of co-ordinating Labour's rela-tions with business to Geoff Hoon, MP for Ashfield and a member of the party's trade and industry team.

r Hoon, who is responsible in the Labour DTI team for new technologies, will act as a clearing-house for Labour's contacts with business, and as the principal way in to Labour for business, as well as liaising between the party and Labourbusiness bodies such as the Industry Forum. He accepts that after so long in office, business is drawn towards the Conservatives as a means of getting things done - but echoes Mr Blair's denial that it is the natural party of business, insisting that many Conservative policies have been and will be dam-

aging to business in Britain. A former MEP, he offers Europe as an example, main taining that Conservative divisions over Europe are in practice far more damaging to business than even the worst business fears about the social chapter could ever be.

Moves such as giving business a key contact in Mr Hoon will be welcomed in industry, scrabbling to find out how a Labour government might work. Labour will give further clues when, after today's conference, it formally publishes later this month its long-awaited policy document on business, which has already been detailed in The Times.

Labour leaders know that however hard they try, they will never win over some parts of business. But they know too the widespread presumption that Labour will win the next election. In the race for votes, Labour will seek to capitalise on that; and Labour leaders hope today's declaration by a top company leader will be only the first of many in the run-up to polling day.



### What would be the result if costs rise but prices don't?

even illiterate street traders know that the difference between cost and price is profit. Or perhaps too elementary: for the point is hardly ever mentioned in lars that come to my desk, though they are supposed to

be all about profits.

Analysts, after all, like to use sophisticated analysis. Central bankers are not so proud. When they met in the United States last weekend for their annual checkedshirt gathering in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, one of the main talking points -- along with a report that Bill Clin-ton ruthlessly cooks his golf scores - was the coming squeeze on US margins.

In spite of the shortage of headline material, this was a notable gathering for it saw a mass conversion to Fed thinking. A few years ago I listened to the same group, egged on by Alan Greespa chairman of the Federal Reserve, commit itself to a

target of zero inflation; but since then Greenspan has repeat-Central banks no edly argued that the offilonger seem as cial indices jumpy about exaggerate inflation as tion. If you the markets. allow quality im-Are they justified? and for consumer reponse to changing

relative prices, the fall in the value of money — the thing that central bankers are meant to protect - is at least per cent less than the indices indicate. And what is half point between friends? The group agreed, with

dissent only from the Bundesbank's Otmar Issing, that 2 per cent inflation is, effectively, zero; which means that many countries are already there. Congratulations all round; now, who's for golf?

A frightening thought for inflation fogeys. In fact, though this is not just an evasion. It rests on a serious analytic point. It is not just our own Bank of England for some years almost every central bank has persistently over-forecast inflation, even the Fed itself, especially when raw material prices briefly peaked. Only the Fed, though — and really only the Fed in Washington, for many of the member banks remain worried has seriously tried to bring its thinking up to date. The US market has ab-

ment, rising prime costs, rising credit growth — with-out a wobble in the inflation chart. So the Fed has found itself increasingly drawn to what we might call the Bootle thesis: that structural changes in international trade, the labour market, the resail chain and the structure of demand (less and less material inputs) have combined to build a strong dam against inflation. Experiments with faster growth not fast, mind you, just a little faster - are therefore

pretty safe. And with even the Bundesbank trying devaluation as a stimulus — with Issing's support, this time this can clearly not be dismissed as just American election-year thinking. It is a pointer: central banks no longer seem as jumpy about inflation as the markets are. Are they justified?

The Fed, perhaps. In America, investment-led growth has led to a bottleneck-free paradise; fierce competition

is restraining prices. and a study in the current Barron's show ine cashflow growth is falling, suggests that the

that

squeeze on

margins may already have started. Hence the talk at Jackson Hole. But the United States does

look like a special case; can anyone else look forward with even provisional confidence? The EMU candidates can afford a few risks now because Maastricht has so depressed their economies but they could take fright if the cure works.

So, perhaps we in Britain are destined to provide the test case is it enough, in today's world, simply to run an open economy? We won't know the answer until far recovery, but the latest Confederation of British Industry survey provides one encouraging straw: output is rising but price trends are still "negative". (Who said everybody hates inflation?) That could be the first sign

of a squeezes but watch the numbers not the analysts. They seem unable to ask the question posed in our headline because they are living in the past - a past where higher activity means that rise. Perhaps not, this time.

### City well placed to survive any EMU-inspired discrimination

work of the European Monetary Institute as it prepares for monetary union is not a natural source of dramatic headlines. But this week's monthly meeting coincided with dark talk of skulduggery by Germany and France, aimed at penalising Britain for daring to opt out of

the single currency.

The root of the controversy is whether those countries who remain outside the first phase of monetary union should be given full and equal access to Target, the European-wide bank settlements system. The EMI has already made it clear that all members of the European Union, whether in or out of the single currency, should have access to Target. But France and Germany have argued that the "outs" should not be allowed to borrow from the European Central Bank.

This contrasts with the British payments system. If, for example, Barclays wants to pay Lloyds a sum of money but doesn't have the money on the spot, it can borrow from the Bank of England against a security. At the end of the day, Barclays pays back the Bank

and everything is squared. But France and Germany see a dual role for Target, both as a payments system and as a money market in which the ECB can control the amount of liquidity and, therefore, the level of interest rates. They argue the "outs' should not be able to borrow from the ECB because this would affect the European money supply. If countries are not prepared to subscribe to a common monetary policy, why should they have the means to disrupt it.

Penalising single currency 'outs' unlikely to work, says Janet Bush



LIFFE trades 73 per cent of German Government bond futures

an oddity in British terms. In Britain, banks settle their dayto-day debts with each other through CHAPS - the Clearing House Automated Payment System. Purely in order to settle transactions they are allowed to borrow very short term from the Bank. The money market, in which banks borrow from each other and from the Bank, is quite

The exact form of Target has not yet been agreed and indeed does not appear to have been part of the formal agenda of the latest EMI meeting. But the view from Threadneedle

conflate a payments system with a money market. The attempt to do so may be muddled thinking or it may be a specious way of penalising the "outs" in order to grab some trading and banking business from London to

Frankfurt or Paris. Either way, the tussle is being taken seriously by the Bank. Howard Davies. Deputy Governor, gave warning in a speech in Austria last week that Britain would regard any attempt to discriminate against the "outs" as illegal under the terms of the single market. He was clearly alludnot join a single currency in the first group are not penalised is a crucial matter of

But, in practical terms, the Bank rejects alarmist talk of thousands of job losses in the City if Britain remains outside the single currency. Take forexample. The average daily turnover in London is \$464 billion. Of that, only 10 per cent is trading in European currencies alone. The vast bulk is trade between the dollar and another currency.

LIFFE - the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange -- carries out more than double the business done in Paris or Frankfurt and has already moved to make new alliances with futures markets in Tokyo and Chicago, and to make provision for the arrival of the euro in its existing contracts. Eroding the City's dominance will be a huge task, even with attempts at discrimination.

In the narrowest sense, restrictions on borrowing from the European Central Bank could easily be got round by highly sophisticated and inno-

vative British banks. Mark Fox of Lehman Brothers argues that any form of artificial restriction on the freedom to trade euros is unlikely to work and would be counter-productive. Just as the huge Eurobond market came to London to avoid US regulation, so an offshore market in euros would soon spring up.

It may even be that the Bank of England could take the lead in designing a secondary market in euros that would be another lucrative source of





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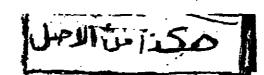
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for everything to do with the organ," says Marshall. "All its programming, recitals, educational projects, workshops, recordings, all artistic performance and the welfare of the instrument itself. And I'll probably be playing it quite a bit, too."

It is characteristic of the man that he regards this huge

range of new opportunities and responsibilities as just one new facet of his multifaceted life. "Ooh yes. I'm going to continue doing lots of other things: recitals, conducting, music festivals, lots of travelling. I'll be based in London, speeding up to Manchester regularly. But this is a very exciting development."

Already widely celebrated for its magnificent size, the organ has been built by the Danish builders Marcussen & Son at a cost of £1.2 million. It has two consoles and 77 stops and has taken more than four months of painstaking tinkering to be fully tuned and voiced. "It can handle the full organ repertoire beautifully," says Marshall. "It really is a fantastic instrument."

Fantastic is a Marshall word. A strident enthusiast for every new challenge, he has been pushing against bound-aries since the age of 14 when he heard a recording of Virgil Fox, the American jazz pianist, playing the scherzo from Louis Vierne's Second Organ Symphony. "Virgil Fox was a champion organist." says Marshall. "Most impressive to me was the fact that he played things his own way, not how the purists expected."

Marshall went away and learnt the piece himself. He had been playing the piano since the age of three when his mother, an auxiliary nurse, had been doing Associated Board exams and encouraged him to have a go on the keyboard with her. "I had perfect pitch and apparently I used to correct her mistakes. he says. "Isn't that just horri-

ble at the age of three?" At II he tried playing a few thords on the school organ during a carol concert rehearsal, and he can neatly date his obsession with the instrument

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14 he was studying the organ formally at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. After leaving school he spent one year as organ scholar at Manchester Cathedral and then four years at the Royal College of Music. He later diversified from recitals into opera. appearing under Si-mon Rattle at Glyndebourne in 1986 as the pianist Jasho Brown in Porgy and Bess.

"I later became chorus master for a Porgy and Bess," he says. "I think that was when I really started thinking in a seriously orchestral way and adapting that way of thought to all sorts of music, expanding away from the standard organ repertoire and transcribing other pieces of music for the organ. I've transcribed all sorts of things. I'm not airaid to go over the edge."

Conducting has offered Marshall a natural direction in which to expand his talents. "The first time on the podium is a bit terrifying," he says. "but you just have to try things out and make mistakes."

He has conducted the Royal Scottish National and the Bournemouth Symphony orchestras, and last year appeared as piano soloist with the Berlin Philharmonic under Rattle. Following in Rattle's footsteps, he has made something of a name for himself with his unusual programmes. At a recent concert in Dallas, he conducted two Duke Ellington pieces fol-lowed by Tchaikovsky's Fourth Symphony. His itinerary indicates the

normal madly rushed life of a top musician: in the first six months of this year he went to the United States three times. to Italy, Germany, Sweden, Japan and Barbados. And he's ready for more. "I love this kind of high-speed life." he says. "And when I'm not performing. I'm out at jazz clubs or other organ recitals ● The Bridgewater Hall (0161-907 9000) opens in Manchester on September !!

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BBC PROMS: Romantic masterpieces directed by Rattle and Harnoncourt

sleekness of the Berlin Phil-THE MAGIC FLUTE harmonic, Barry Millington writes. But the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at least showed, in its Monday Prom, a greater enterprise in programming. Where the Berliners offered only Brahms and Mahler last week, the Brummies prefaced Bruckner Seven with Messiaen's Chronochromie. Under Simon Rattle, the CBSO brought out the rich colourings of Messiaen's score without any sacrifice in terms of

precision of ensemble. The Bruckner was a re markable reading. I cannot recall having heard it so expressively played. Rattle offered a refreshing new perspective, touching in its human vulnerability. The marking "sehr feierlich" attached to the enda of the first movement indicates solemnity rather than a slower tempo but Rattle chose this moment to set the broader pace for the final ascent. A magnificently sustained and expansive cli-

max it was, too. The very end of the symphony likewise soared eestatically In such passages one could appreciate Rattle's sensitivity in matters of balance. Where even very experienced conductors sometimes let the brass have their head, with ruinous consequences. Rattle could confidently encourage them without fear of being blasted.

ON SUNDAY Nikolaus Harnoncourt and the Chamber Orchestra of Europe brought a distinctive sound, an unmistakable way with the Viennese classics. Hilary Finch writes. And this was one of the orchestra's long-awaited visits to Britain. The more pity, then, that on this occasion it was so much the mind of Harnoncourt which dominated. In both Mozart's Prague Symphony and in Schubert's Great C major there was the strange sensation on Sunday of watching a perfectly controlled tableau-vivant.

And of course honour is due. To the way the three beats of Mozart's Andante were subsumed into a series of long breaths, perfectly realising the deceptive ease of the composer's own highly sophisticated progress of ideas. To the intense quietness of Schuhert's

### Majestic Bruckner

scalewise descent to the shadowlands of his second movement; and to the wonderfully lilting rustic majesty of the Scherzo's centrepiece.

ly in place; much went beyond predictability. And it went beyond the stamp of personal distinction which character-

ises the interpretations of the great conductors to what was more like a minutely and deeply studied reading, rehearsed and repeated countless times. A sense of evolution, of deepening encounter, was missing.

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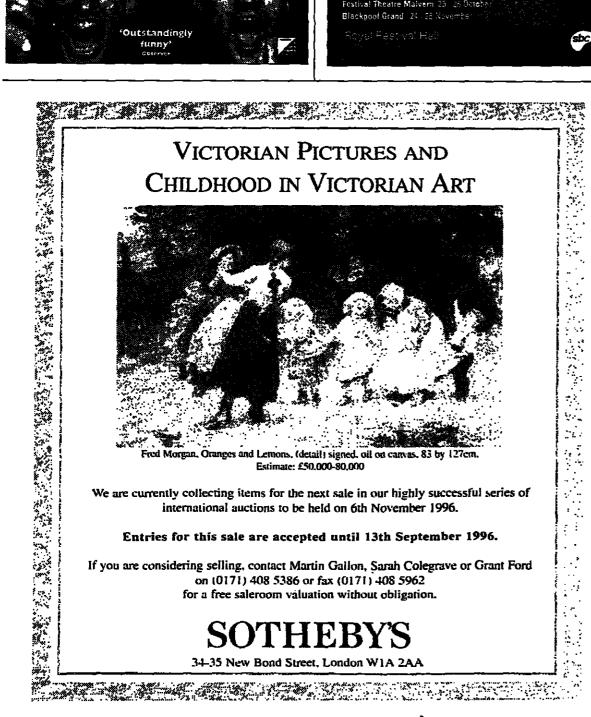
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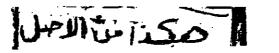
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**■ CHOICE 3** 

Brian Glover stars in a new adaptation of Dumas' The Three Musketeers VENUE: In preview at the Everyman, Cheltenham



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Second thoughts for honeymooners: Coward's Private Lives is revived VENUE: Opens ronight. Newcastle under Lyme

## Clown jewels on display

As a comedy convoy heads from Edinburgh to the West End, Kate Bassett previews the acts

fter the Edinburgh Festival. everyone suffers from an amusement hangover. The Fringe is a non-stop comedy crawl these days. But after a brief lull, the stand-up scene revives itself down south. At the end of this month, festival acts

shortlisted for the coveted Perrier Award come to London, showing as double bills on Sundays at Her Majesty's. This year's winner, Dylan Moran, opens the season on September 29, rambling about his Irish childhood and slipping into surreal fantasies. Moran's act could do with tightening up, but he has real charm with a dash of Alan Davies and a pinch of Eddie Izzard. He is joined by the Perrier Best Newcomer, Milton Jones, who transforms himself into frightful characters from barking British generals to Australian backpackers.

I would happily see Perrier finalist Bill Bailey, sending up cult theme tunes on his electronic keyboard, a second time when he appears on October 13 with Armstrong and Miller, the trendy sketch duo who specialise in taking the mickey out of machismo while exuding "cool" themselves. They spreadeagle themselves on the floor, pretending to be friends scaling a cliff with psychotic bravado. As wannabe Norwegian rock stars they shake their long blond wigs and scream preposterously banal lyrics about being "down on your knees" with "lots of trees". Their mock-James Bond car chase, in which they edge up on each other astride wooden chairs, is rather old hat now but their timing and mastery of male mannerisms remain as slick as

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I found the lanky American stand-up Rich Hall mildly disappointing. He is likeable but hectoringly loud and his improvisations are patchy, if occasion-

sic's other non

ALTHOUGH the roots of jazz

in blues, spirituals and rag-

time are universally recog-

nised and frequently celebra-

African American roots are

often overlooked or lost in a

tangle of undergrowth vague-

referred to as "European

Pianist Wallace Fields,

however, is dedicated to ex-

posing one of the strongest

and most distinctive strands

in this process: the East

European Jewish music

known as kleamer. Concerts

given by Fields's quintet the

Klezmer Swingers, augment-

ed on this occasion by

clarinettist/saxophonist Stew-

art Curtis, are thus instructive

and entertaining in roughly

Adopting a sensibly but not

too rigidly chronological ap-

proach to his subject. Fields

begins with traditional source

material such as Reb Dovid'L

traces the music's passage

through, in particular, the

port of Odessa on the Black

Sea to turn-of-the-century

equal measures.

ally amusing (is it possible to surprise obituary writers by dying both "sud-denly" and "peacefully", he wonders? Say you got hit by a truckload of camomile tea...) Hall is appearing on October 6 in tandem with Dominic Holland, the young observational comic whose witty chat concerns such

everyday objects and tasks as shatterproof rulers and stripping wallpaper. Al Murray rounds off the season with his "late lock-in" on October 20, acting the part of a lager-worshipping, bulletheaded. Fascist pub landlord with commendable brio.

Meanwhile, outside the confines of the Perrier Awards, the stand-up poet John Hegley is worth catching when he transfers to the BAC. Battersea, on October 15. Besides delivering fauxnaif verses new and old in his drab monotone. Hegley is injecting boogiewoogie into his show these days, while maintaining that sour-faced schoolmasterly expression we know

astly, most people will probably never see Logan Murray in cahoots with Jerry Sadowitz as the anarchic duo Bib And Bob. Their act, the Ubu Roi of sketch shows, is miles too rude for television to countenance. The language is un-speakable. Bib and Bob, a bit like Reeves and Mortimer only completely out of control, behave atrociously, throwing fake body fluids and blow-up dolls around the stage. On one level this is puerile garbage.

yet Sadowitz and Murray are a brilliantly zesty, relaxed double act, savagely bright and as mad as hatters. They turn Death In Venice, for instance, into "The Venetian Blinds", a decrepit and surreal variety act. Catch them if you can, but only if you are feeling off-the-wall and unshockable.



Rambling man: Dylan Moran won this year's coveted Perrier Award

### Getting in the shwing

The Klezmer **Swingers** 

Purcell Room tainers as Sophie Tucker to its

emergence in the clarinet-led swing of Benny Goodman and Artie Shaw. The effort to convey such a wealth of information could easily result in the Swingers' concerts degenerating into a

never allows this to happen. This is partly because he is warm and totally unpretentious raconteur, but more importantly because his band's commitment to and enjoyment of their music is apparent in everything they play, whether it be the erotic. tango-influenced apache dance Moldovanka. the Yellen-Pollack weepie My Yiddishe Mama or Gersh-

win's The Man I Love. Fields's capacity audience

tive klezmer staples such as Otchi Tchornya (Dark Eyes) and the familiar dance tune Nigun, but it was the jazz standards, from I Found a New Baby through Limehouse Blues to Irving Berlin's Puttin' on the Ritz and Blue *Skie*s which were most intriguing.

Their treatment by Fields and his regular frontline partners, reedsman Ronnie Findon and cornettist/trumpeter Paul Eshelbey, allowed the bones of kiezmer the middle eight of the latter sort of illustrated musical was instantly recognisable as history lecture, but Fields coming from Reb Dovid'i, for instance) to show quite clearly under the skin of jazz.

Given the three strands klezmer, jazz and popular music — which Fields was so skilfully weaving together, the Swingers' concert could end with nothing other than the song epitomising the process's success, so it was the Andrews Sisters' hit Bei Mir Bist Du Schon that left the audience demanding more.

CHRIS PARKER

### Mature attraction

HAVING had a brief fling with mainstream success as lead singer in Fairground Attraction, Eddi Reader has since carved out a less lucrative but more critically credible career as a solo artist, combining the breezy pop sensibility of old with a more mature, seasoned approach, In a venue as warm and

intimate as her songs, the honey-tongued Glaswegian found the perfect setting to showcase her multifaceted talent. More than 400 souls were crammed between the Romanthemed walls, fostering an environment in which both Reader's personality and music were allowed to shine. The set stretched beyond two hours but never seemed too long, thanks, in part, to a guest interlude from Boo Hewerdine who co-wrote much of Reader's new album,

Candyfloss and Medicine. A large proportion of the show was taken up with the bittersweet songs on this, her most accomplished outing to date, and it would be hard to remain unmoved by numbers like Semi Precious and MediPOP

Eddi Reader Whelan's, Dublin

cine, to name but two. Typically the lyrics operate on the fraught terrain of love's young dream, but the lush musical arrangements which accompanied these tales of aching, breaking hearts ensured they never lose their footing.

Chaissa (0771-32 5086)

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till they ran out of songs. NICK KELLY

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Winona Ryder and Lukas Haas Director, Stacy Cochran. Virgin Trocadero (0171-434 0031)

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TODAY'S CHOICE

Japanese company and described as 'a magosal music play.' Inspired by the Sartor opera but taking place behind the scenes where a company prepares to mount a production Watermall. Bagnor, near Newbury (01635-48044). Tonight-Sai, 7.30pm

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New Victoria, Etrusa Road (01782 717962) Opens tonight 7 30pm Then

VORK: Opera North's autumn season opens with Amanda Holden's withy translation of Mozart's subtime wedding-day comedy. The Marriage of Figure Richard Whitehouse sings the title role, with Mary Hegart as Susanna, Roderick Writisms and Jane Kelly as Count and Counters Almaning and Gradere Deathy as Deathy and The direction's Cauchine Gasen, and conductor Paul Goodhirn with a making his Opera North debut Sung in English. his Opera North debut Sung in English. Theatre Royal, St Leonard's Place (01904 623568) Tonight-Sai, 7 30pm.

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## Critics' choice of autumn shows

VISUAL ARTS

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Antony Gormley's Field for the British Isles could be seen as a contemporary response to the terracotta warriors filling some of the greatest Chinese royal tombs. A spectacular installation of 40,000 terracotta figures. Cormley's Field transformed his own reputation when first seen at Liverpool. Now, at last, it arrives in London at the Hayward Gallery, as one of the outstanding new purchases for the Arts Council Collection (Sept 19 -Nov 17). At the same time, Robert Mapplethorpe's photographs also go on view at the Hayward. Frankly homoerotic, often exquisite and some times shocking, these highly charged images are bound to





the other top movies: Times the autumn's best entertainments

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insights into the Chinese mastery of ceramics and bronze.

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NO DOUBT about it the most revelatory exhibition this autumn is bound to be Mysteries of Ancient China at the British Museum (Sept 13 -Jan 5). Astounding discoveries have been made in China's excavated tombs since the last great show of Chinese treasures was held in London 20 years ago. Ranging in date from 4500 BC to 220 AD, the riches on view in this new survey offer a wealth of fresh

cast in concrete from a condemned terraced home in East London, likewise proved hugely controversial. Although it was soon destroyed, Whiteread continues to produce outstanding sculpture. And the first full-scale survey of her work at the Tate Gallery Liverpool will reveal the full (Sept 14 — Jan 5). As well as including sculptures cast in resin, plaster and rubber, the show coincides with the Nov-



The Girandola, or Grand Fire Work at the Castel St Angelo in Rome, by Joseph Wright of Derby: one of many evocative 18th-century landscapes in the Tate Gallery's Grand Tour: The Lure of Italy

ember unveiling of her major Holocaust Memorial in the Judenplatz in Vienna. fascinated and often avaricious eyes of British travellers,

tion (Oct 10 - Jan 5). In Grand Tour: The Lure of Italy in the 18th Century, a cavalcade of sculptures will testify to the magnetic allure of Venice, Florence, Rome and Naples. Young British aristocrats

roamed these cities in search of enlightenment and items for their collections, representand Piranesi, among others. Rubens, who shared their admiration for Italian art, will be celebrated at the National

Gallery (Oct 16 - Jan 19). His exuberant panoramic Landscape with Het Steen is the exhibition to study his astonishing prowess as a landscape painter. These are the pictures he made largely for his own

enjoyment, and they now deserve to be ranked among his most brilliant achievements. in Edinburgh this summer, the Giacometti retrospective

arrives at the Royal Academy

comprehensive survey of his work to be displayed here for 30 years, it will offer an powertui experience. But cutting-edge art refuses to be eclipsed. The Turner Prize exhibition opens at the Tate Gallery (Oct 29 -

Jan 12), offering this time an all-male contest between Douglas Gordon, Craigie Horsheld, Gary Hume and Simon Patterson. The winner of the £20,000 prize will be announced during a live Channel 4 broadcast (Nov 26).

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### Note the new Pinter, says Benedict Nightingale

provides the focus for the Tate

Gallery's big autumn exhibi-

■ IF THE London theatre is in as low a state as some say. why does my autumn diary already look so bloated? Nor is all the activity occurring in places with handsome subsidies. Gene Wilder comes to the Queens (Oct 3) in Neil Simon's latest comedy, Laughter on the 23rd Floor. Another American movie star, Jessica Lange, is expected at the Haymarket in Tennessee Williams's A Streetcar Named Desire (Dec). Our own Finney and Courtenay are at Wyndhams (Oct 15) in Art, a play that has had great success on

the Continent. Expect even more hype for the opening of the rejigged Lyceum (Nov 19). Somewhere behind those majestic columns will be a revival of Jesus Christ Superstar, giv-ing guess-who a total of five

mega-musicals in London. The non-profitmaking playhouses, too, will be doing their bit to revivify the West End. The Albery becomes a mini-Moscow Art Theatre, giving house-room

THE Royal Opera devotes the first part of its

golden jubilee season to con-

solidation (polite word) or

endless revivals (less polite).

But three Ring cycles (from

Sept 21) constitute revival on

an epic scale. Richard

Jones's famously controver-

sial production is in a state of constant development. But

the real come-on is Haitink's

conducting: you won't hear Wagner done better today.

triple-cast run of La Bohème

(Sept 14), with Andrei Serban's classic Turandot as

the Christmas show. con-

ducted by Daniele Gatti

(Dec 10). Two star singers celebrate 25 years' service at

Covent Garden: Thomas Al-

len in one of his great roles,

Don Giovanni, and Placido

Domingo. He conducts Tosca (Dec 9) instead of

singing in it, as announced,

and compensates by singing

Siegmund in a single Die

After Jonathan Miller's

Otherwise it's a month's

### THEATRE

first to Chichester's fine Uncle Vanya, then to the RSC's equally stirring Cherry Orchard. It will be surprising if Diana Rigg and David Suchet, opening at the Almeida (Sept 25) in Albee's Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, don't also make the

trip to Shaftesbury Avenue.

And the reconstruction of the Royal Court is good news for the commercial sector. It means that the autumn's most important new play, Pinter's Ashes to Ashes, opens at the Ambassadors (Sept 19) and downtown revivals of Jez Butterworth's brilliant Mojo and Martin McDonagh's grimly elegiac Beauty Queen of Leenane

are in the offing.
At the National, look for Simon Callow in Jonson's Alchemist, Alun Armstrong as Willy Loman in Miller's Death of a Salesman and Richard Eyre's valedictory revival of Gnys and Dolls.

At the Barbican the Royal

Rodney Milnes inspects a parade of Soldiers

**OPERA** 

season-opening new produc-

tion of La traviata (Sept 12).

it's revival time at English

National Opera as well, but

they are shows we all want to

see again: Britten's Dream

with the new counter-tenor star David Daniels as Ober-

on (Sept 18). Sally Burgess and Richard Van Allan in Massenet's Don Quixote

(Oct 2). Lesley Garrett as The Cunning Little Vixen (Oct

18). Miller's inumertal mafio-so Rigoletto (Nov 2), and

that treasure-trove of melody

In among them is the big one, the first British staging

(Die Soldaten, if you must),

planned, it has never before

Welsh National Opera

kick off with Katie Mitchell's

first opera production (smart

move). Don Giovanni (Sept

come to fruition (Nov 19).

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The Pearl Fishers (Nov 29).

Shakespeare Company restages its latest Stratford season — notably, a sensual Troilus and Cressida and Peter Whelan's Herbal Bed, a speculative peek at the love-life of Shakespeare's

daughter. Starting in 1997, the RSC will be spending months out of the Barbican and on the road. As part of the plan, the new Stratford season begins much earlier than usual this November. So late autumn brings us Much Ado, Henry VIII and Katie Mitchell's production of Everyman.

Elsewhere in the regions. there's Alan Bennett's reworking of his TV play Office Suite (West Yorkshire, Leeds. Sept 24). Edward Albee's bizarre Seascape (Glasgow Citizens, Oct 30) and, if he can overcome the technical problems that wrecked it in Edinburgh, Robert Lepage's one-man Elsinore (Nottingham Playhouse, Nov 20). Also ... but, sorry, overfed diary just burst. but, sorry, my

14), conducted by Carlo Rizzi

and with Davide Damiani in

the title role. They also offer

a repertory run of Maxwell

Davies's fascinating, suc-

cinct Doctor of Myddfai, with Paul Whelan and

Opera North opens with a

new Madama Butterfly, directed by Dalia Ibelhaup-

Zambelli, and with the Chi-

nese soprano Chen Sue

Then there's a rare chance to

catch Gluck's Iphigenie en

Aulide (Sept 30). Absolutely unmissable is Deborah

Warner's Opera North re-

vival of her Wozzeck produc-

tion with Josephine Barstow and Andrew Shore, conduct-

ed by Paul Daniel (Oct 10).

Scottish Opera's first new

venture is laomeneo, con-

ducted by Antoni Ros Marba

and directed and designed

by David McVicar (Oct 3).

Later, Anne-Marie Owens

sings her first Azucena in a

Travatare conducted by

Richard Armstrong (Nov 6).

Gwynne Howell (Oct 5).

### Geoff Brown previews a strong European line-up





... Lars Von Trier's powerful Breaking the Waves...



... and Michael Winterbottom's Hardy movie, Jude

(Oct 9 - Jan I). The most

FILMS FOR films with true originality this season, you must look to Europe and beyond. For sheer pictorial flair nothing can beat Peter Greenaway's The Pillow Book (Nov), an extraordinary elaboration of a 1,000-yearold Japanese text. The film juggles layer upon layer of magery, and still finds room for an involving story about a Japanese fashion model who covers her lovers bod-

ies with calligraphy. Compared to Greenaway, Lars Von Trier's image-making in Breaking the Waves (Oct) may appear gauche. Such dull colours! Then a miracle happens, and we become mesmerised by Emily Watson's Scuttish spinster risking her elders' ire by her love for a foreign oil-rig worker. Some will wince at a woman sacrificing herself to satisfy male desires. But as melodrama the film has few

modern peers. Literary cinema is not neglected. Thomas Hardy, Jane Austen's new rival in the classic novelist stakes, gets a brisk dusting down in Jude (early Oct). Jude the Obscure, that is: not the most cheery of novels. The director Michael Winterbottom cuts out some agony by rushing through the illicit union between stonecutter Jude (Christopher Eccleston) and his cousin Sue (Kate Winslet). But the images alone retain that Hardy

Then Shakespeare makes his mark with Twelfth Night (late Oct), directed by Trevor Nunn. Imogen Stubbs is Viola, Helena Bonham Car-ter Olivia, and Nigel Hawthorne Malvolio. Nunn pitches the play into the late 19th century: its moud is autumnal, its colours Pre-Raphaelite. Not every mo-ment may please, but at least it never feels like a Branagh roadshow.

Another theatrical crossover arrives at the end of the year when Daniel Day-Lewis and Winona Ryder tackle Miller's The Crucible under the direction of Nicholas Hytner. An odd film 10 release on Boxing Day.

### Richard Morrison hails a hall

ALL EARS on Manchester. Bridgewater Hall, new home of the Halle Orchestra, opens its doors next week with premieres (Sept 11, 12) by George Benjamin. Thomas Ades and John Adams. The first visiting orchestra will be the mighty Chicago Symphony under Barenboim (Sept 14), while the BBC Philharmonic, which will also play regularly there, makes its hall debut with Berlioz's Grande Messe des Morts (Sept 15) — a prelude to Manchester's Berlioz and Dutilleux

Festival (Oct). The Northern Sinfonia has followed the modern trend and appointed a top instrumentalist, the French pianist Jean-Bernard Pommier, as its principal conductor (first concert Sept 26. Newcastle). So has the Scottish Chamber Orchestra: its new maestro is the violinist Joseph Swensen (from Oct 2).

Soon to face life after Rattle, the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra will be hoping for great things from concerts with young Daniel Harding Sinfonietta offers a wealth of transatlantic discovery as part of the South Bank's American Independents series (Oct) - including what will surely be the title of the

MUSIC

But the biggest premiere belongs to the BBC Symphony Orchestra, giving the first European perfor-mance (Festival Hall, Nov 17) of William Bolcom's epic Blake setting, Songs of In-nocence and of Experience - 25 years in the writing. and involving every conceivable musical ensemble. and a few inconceivable

year: Michael Daugherty's

Le Tombeau de Liberace.

### Debra Craine follows the swans

ones as well.

IT IS rare for dance to enjoy a commercial run in the West End. So Adventures in Motion Pictures can pat itself on the back for securing an open-ended run of Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake at the Piccadilly Theatre (from Sept 9). This is the famously radical production that features a man the Royal Baller's Adam
Cooper — as the Swan
Vampires, meanwhile, are
on the prowl in Bradford,
where Christopher Gable unveils his Dracula with Northern Ballet Theatre at

the Alhambra (Sept 16).

Birmingham Royal Ballet presents the world premicre of Le Baiser de la Fee. made for the company by Canada's James Kudelka. The same programme (Sept 26-28) also sees the premiere of David Bintley's new oneacter The Nutcracker Sweet-tes, set to Duke Ellington's jazz version of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite.

The Royal Ballet opens its season (Oct 15) with an all-Ravet bill. Along with La Valse, Fin du Jour and

### DANCE

Daphnis and Chloë, there is the world premiere of Christopher Wheeldon's Pavane pour une infante defunte, starring Darcey Bussell and Jonathan Cope. Bussell also leads the revival of MacMillan's Prince of the Pagodas (Nov II).

being rebuilt, Sadler's Wells sets up temporary shop at the Peacock Theatre, the Kingsway venue that used to be known as the Royalty. Argentina's Tango Por Dos opens the refurbished Peacock on October 16: Montreal's La La La Human Steps arrives on Nov-ember 5 (after Birming-

ham, Glasgow and Leeds). Joaquin Cortés, the flamenco star dressed by Armani, does three nights at the Albert Hall (Oct 10-12): cult figure Lindsay Kemp comes to the Hacknev Empire (Sept 30-Oct 5) fairground freak show in 1930s Hamburg.

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One of London's most fashionable addresses is pricing itself out of the market. Rachel Kelly reports

## Is Eaton Square too expensive?

London's most fashionable address, is losing its cachet as home to the rich and famous. At least ten flats and houses in the square have failed to sell more than a year after they were put on the market.

Agents say that potential buyers are being put off by the prospect of buying flats on short leases, some with no possibility of an extension. high service charges and overpricing. Lorna Vestey, of Knight Frank, said: "It would be nice if Eaton Square regained its former glory.

Buying agents who act on behalf of buyers, confirm their lack of interest in the square. Willy Gething, of Property Vision, said: "Our buyers are not interested in buying such expensive flats on such short leases. Eaton Square used to be the number one address in London, but no longer.

Wealthy buyers, especially Arabs and Far Easterners who distrust leaseholds, are choosing instead to buy the freehold houses available in Kensington and Chelsea, particularly those on the Phillimore Estate, and other property in Belgravia on long leases. The redevel-

opment of Chesham Place, Belgravia, which is offering flats on 999-year leases, is proving a particular success. The developers can almost ask what they like for these type of flats," Mr

Gething said. Among those properties that have been on the market for at least two years are a threebedroom flat on a 51-year lease on sale for £975,000 through Knight Frank. It has been on sale since July 1994. A second three-bedroom flat has been on sale since June 1991 on a 27year lease for £795,000. On the corner of Eaton Square and Lower Belgrave Street, Hugh House, with eight main bedrooms, has been on sale for the past two months for £25

million. The Grosvenor Estate denied that there was a sticky market for property in Eaton Square. Colin Redman, the director of the London estate. said: The flats that we have marketed directly have sold well. We have sold seven flats this year and five more sales are in the pipeline."

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Mr Redman added that there was good demand for to extend their leases and that the Grosvenor Estate, which is owned by the Duke of Westminster, offered a range of leases in the square. He denied that service charges were high for the square.

Eaton Square was designed and built between 1826 and 1855 by Thomas Cubitt, the master builder who also built the east front of Buckingham Palace and Osborne House, on the Isle of Wight, for Queen Victoria. It took its name from Eaton Hall in Cheshire.

The first house was occu-pied by W.H. Whitbread, the brewer. Another early resident was George Fitz-Clarence, the eldest bastard son of William IV at number 13. Prince Metternich stayed at number 44 in 1848 and Admiral Sir Edward Codrington died at number 92

Two Prime Ministers, Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, lived respectively at number 93 in 1920-'It is still 23 and at number 37 in 1923-35. the most

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Residents include the Duke of Howard de Walden, Viscount Rothermere and the Countess of Lichfield. The Belgian and Bolivian embassies are also in the square. On the

door of the Belgian Embassy is a plaque with the inscription. "Here many Belgians volun-teered during World War Two to fight with their allies on land, sea and air to liberate their country. Those who gave their lives will not be forgot-

Milton Shulman, the au-thor, columnist and former theatre critic, and a resident of the square for 40 years, said: "I love living here. It is still the most gracious square in the ful. Where else do you stand and look at a view as if you might be in the country?"

But he said the character of the square had changed. "There are very few English names now. The likes of Vivien Leigh, Terence Rat-tigan and Rosamond Lehmann used to live here.

The Square used to be lived in by people who cared, who campaigned on local issues, such as a one-way traffic flow in Elizabeth Street and providing parking meters for residents. Now there are lots of foreigners who aren't here very much. It's a shame."









Hugh House, top, is for sale. Terence Rattigan. Vivien Leigh and Neville Chamberlain all once lived in Eaton Square

### A mystery client with expensive tastes

HUGH House is on the corner of Eaton Square. Its front door is, technically, in uing, if diminished, status.

The house was bought in early 1994 by an investor, believed to be Swiss, who intended to live there. Then, planning permission allowed the building to be used only as an office or headquarters, but consent was received to convert the building back into a home.

The work has been carried out by Luis Charmat a distinguished Austrian lady interior decorator who has worked on a number of Belgravia houses. Some property insiders even speculate that she may also be the mysterious "client" who owns the place.

Ms Charmat has already refurbished an Eaton Square house, which was sold to the Lloyd Webbers, in addition to a mansion in Chester Square that bears

many of her trademark features. But Hugh House is her magnum opus. It has Lower Belgrave Street, but its address, bullet-proof windows, concealed air-No. 7a. enloys Eaton Square's contin-conditioning, an indoor swimming pool surrounded by a garden lush with camellias, and reception rooms decorated in multed greys and moss greens. furnished with antiques and old master

She says she prefers to work with clients who have important art collections. Orchids and sweet-smelling flowers abound, with concealed lighting and a magnificent Regency central staircase. The house was once the home of the

Marquess of Abergavenny, and remained so till 1928. Between 1934 and 1989, it was home to the Queen's Nursing Institute. Savills and Knight Frank are selling the house on an 80-year lease, but ruled by the iron hand of Ms Charmat or her client, they are refusing to reveal any details to the press. However, the

residence's sale -- price E25 million -- has become an open secret on the property

is overpriced. In 1994, about £10 million was offered for the house. "It seems impossible that she can have spent as much as £10 million on the decor. Ms Charmat's profit must be huge," said one agent, unwilling to be named for fear of losing future busines

A second agent said he believed the house to be worth nearer £13 million. 'After all, this is a just a town house, for all that it is magnificently decorated. It is not special in the way that Aubrey House in Kensington, and the Old Rectory in Chelsea, are special. They both have exceptionally large gardens for Central

Aubrey House is currently for sale for £25 million, and the Old Rectory sold last year for a guide price of £25 million.

### Style gurus focus on the bathroom

A neglected room is being revamped, says Amanda Loose

n oasis of tranquillity; the ultimate design that can even help to sell your home. Of all rooms, the bathroom does not immedthe days of avocado and turquoise Formica are long gone. The best efforts of the style gurus have transformed this long neglected luxury and glamour.

Buyers, no longer satisfied with a purely functional bathroom, have very definite ideas about what the sophisneated bathroom must have. say developers and agents.

"In larger houses, the main bathroom is vitally important, much more so than 25 years ago when a bathroom was a bathroom. full stop, and probably had linoleum on the floor. But as the time and expense spent getting the bathrooms in new developments and rental properties right shows, it is now a major selling point," says Richard Cros-thwaite of Knight Frank. Louise Counsell of Try

Homes agrees, "The days when a bathroom was hidden away at the back of the house are gone. The style of bathrooms has changed dramatically over the past few rears, with more expensive fittings being the norm. People demand more from their bathrooms, particular-

ly space and luxury."
So what makes a bathroom just right? In a recent survey. Savilis spoke to 20,000 householders who had bought newly built homes since 1993. Almost 40 per cent considered it essential to have a white suite in their bathrooms, and over 35 per cent thought a power

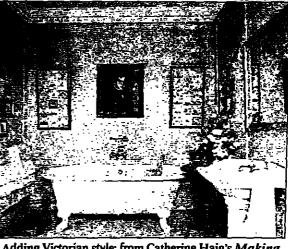
Mr Crosthwaite believes that there is definitely a list of bathroom must-haves that buyers look for. A castiron or stainless-steel bath is essential and it must be white with chrome, nickel or brass fittings. The separate shower cubicle should have marble lined walls and a custom-built marble shower tray. There should be no gimmicks, spouting swans or dolphins.

Alannah Dowling, an interior designer, confirms that people have moved away from the litted look of the 1970s and 1980s to putting furniture in bathrooms. People want to make them look like rooms, to have a hand basin with a pretty table beside it with their bits and pieces on." she says. "Where space isn't at such a premium, people are using big rooms to create bathroomscum-dressing rooms."

So why the sudden interest in bathrooms? The revamped and retro bathroom is fast becoming the ultimate retreat from modern life, refreshing the soul as well as cleansing the body. Utility is now only part of its function. Today's hectic lifestyles

mean that bathrooms are much more than functional necessities, they can provide a private oasis and a relaxing retreat from the outside world," says Catherine Haig, whose book Making the Most of Bathrooms (Conran Octopus, £10.99) is published this month.

Susan Crewe, the editor of House and Garden agrees. Where do we find privacy? One place is the bathroom, which is becoming bigger... It might have a fireplace and an easy chair. a telephone point and speakers from the music system."



Adding Victorian style: from Catherine Haig's Making the Most of Bathrooms (Chatham Octopus, £10.99)

### The folks who live under the hill

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### Not hermits or hippies, just green pioneers

ONE resident of the Hockerton ecohomes will be Andrew Martin. a special needs teacher who has supported the plans from the first, writes Conal Walsh. The desire to live a pioneering, unpolluted life has brought a range of people together." says 38-year-old Mr Martin. Being underground, we will need no central heating and very little hot-water heating. That's £1,000 a year saved. And being earth-sheltered, there will be no need to spend much doing up the outside

of the house. "We will harvest our own water and have our own water filtering system. With water prices going up so fast, that's probably a real investment. The wind turbine, which will cost £4,000 up front.

will last for 20 years." Mr Martin is anxious to dispel any "hippie" image that he and his fellowresidents might be saddled with. This is not going to be like some 1960s commune, he says. The fact is, we have to pool our resources. Permission to develop these houses depended on every household agreeing to put in 16 hours a week towards running the co-operative. Otherwise it just wouldn't work.



looking after. We have to build a road, someone has to fetch drinking water ... the list goes on. We have each brought our own interests to the project."

In other ways, the residents' lives will be conventional. "We're not going to be sharing wives or anything," says Mr Martin. "Every family will live in a house of its own and we'll all have our cookers. televisions, washing machines and all the

community tasks, though, has required many future residents to switch to parttime employment. But Mr Martin beleves the sacrifice will be worth it. We're not hermits here. But we have decided to take a step back from the promotion ladder," he says. "I'm not interested in that annual holiday in Acapulco. The satisfaction comes from the fact that we're living healthy lives.

Rachel Kelly on a project to build eco-friendly homes into grass banks

The men of the Notting-hamshire coalfields have traditionally spent much of their working lives underground. Now five families from one of the county's mining villages are returning to the bowels of the earth for a new kind of subterranean existence: living in "earth-sheltered" eco-efficient homes. Work began last month on Britain's first hamlet of such homes, which are not connected to the national sewage or water systems and will generate their own electricity by using a wind turbine.

The five new houses at Hockerton, near Southwell. are part of a £500,000 project to create a green living environment. They were designed by husband-and-wife architects Dr Robert and Brenda Vale and are being constructed by the builder Nick Martin.

Fortunately for their occupants, reaching the ESO,000 three-bedroom properties will not involve being winched down a deep shaft. Each house will simply be set into a slope so that it is partly buried, with the roof and one side underground and sheep grazing on the grass above. From the outside, they will be almost

One south-facing wall will be made of triple-glazed glass to provide natural light and heat. The surrounding earth will act as insulation and help to create a draught-free interior with lower fuel bills. Heating and lighting will come from solar panels, according to Penney Poyzer, one of the project's organisers.

grid than it takes in," says Ms Poyzer. "Like many people, we have always done our recyling but we wanted to do more. We wanted to live in an atmosphere that had no bad effect on the environment.

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Future residents include a teacher, a clinical pyschologist and an electronic engineer. The families have had to wait for two years, until planning permission was granted by Newark and Sherwood District Council. Other villagers objected to the plans. "There is still much to do."

says Ms Poyzer. "We reckon that building will take a year because we are being very careful with the environmental aspects. A great deal of care must be taken, and not just with the building of the houses. We are also excavating huge ponds to encourage

Dr Vale claims that besides being unobtrusive in the landscape and less wasteful of energy than normal houses, the eco-friendly homes will also have another environmental benefit: reducing carbon dioxide emissions. Thirty per cent of Britain's carbon dioxide emissions are produced by the light and heating used in conventional housing." he says.

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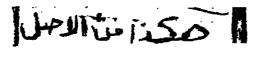
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ecretaries who return to work after a break to have children often find it daunting. They feel out of touch and may lack confidence. The modern office can seem like a different world from the one they left several years earlier.

Gill Sargeant, a management adviser with the Industrial Society and the author of Back to Work, a guide for women returners, has experienced this herself. Trained as a secretary, she took ten years off and then returned to the organisation for which she had previously worked very happily. It was a bad experience. "Technology wasn't an issue because I had kept up with my skills," she says. "It was the political issues."

It is not only a question of changing technology but of atti-tudes, too — attitudes of secretary towards manager and manager towards secretary. The old-style boss could be a dictator but today's secretaries often have to take charge and not accept bad behav-iour from managers.

"People expect secretaries to be more pro-active than reactive," says Sian Jones, personal assistant to John Mortimer, managing director of Angela Mortimer. "You are more useful if you can take charge of projects." She gave up her job in 1992 when she became pregnant, and returned to secretarial work this year.

She attends meetings with Mr

ing a corporate event for the National Youth Ballet in November.

When she stopped work, Ms Jones was a freelance production manager with Thames Television. having joined as a secretary. She saw her time at home as a "positive

experience which in-creased my ability in the workplace. As a mother you learn to do lots of things at the same time and think about 12 others". She also kept up with her skills. What she did find

difficult - she is sepa-

rated from her husband — was having to put her son in a nursery so that she could take a fulltime job. "I just have to decide whether the bal-ance is right and that I see enough

of him," she says. "After four years full-time with Alexander, it has been a big shock to my system to part with him, but he has blossomed. He loves the interaction with other children.

"I miss him. Every woman returner has to find the right balance for her. Some will work part-time and some full-time." Not everyone makes the transi-

tion easily. Ann-Marie Kane, now temping, only took a year off when

Mortimer, acts on matters raised at meetings, organises interviews for aspiring consultants and is arrangto get back into the work scene," she says.

"You start to lose confidence while at home. I felt I could never be the person I was and get myself organised in time in the morning. You have to push yourself." She was amazed at how, in so

short a time, technology had changed. Office Angels, with whom she registered, trained her (free) on a number of packages. Most of the big agencies will pro-vide this facility. Ms Jones and Ms

Kane had no difficulty in finding work. That is not so in every case. things Susan de la Rosa was at once' out of the job market from 1987 to 1994. The OND in Business Stud-ies that she completed on leaving

school did not include computing. so she took an NVQ in Business Administration at West Kent College in Tonbridge. She then looked for work, apply-

ing to secretarial agencies locally and in London. I didn't get any help at all," she says. She scanned the newspapers and must have applied for more than 100 jobs. winning a handful of interviews but no job offers.

"I don't know whether it was my

age - 45 - or the fact that I had been out of work for so long. It was very disheartening." But eventually Kent College offered her first a temporary and then a permanent job as an admissions officer. Now she makes use of her new comput-

Clearly skills must usually be updated after a break. Many local TECs (Training and Enterprise Councils) organise free training in business administration and IT under the Training for Work scheme (for anyone unemployed for discounted and for labour for six months) and for labour market returners (away from work for at least two years). Some programmes include an element of confidence-building and training in interview techniques.

any further education colleges offer similar courses, some funded by TECs and some by the European Social Fund. And there are refresher courses at private secretarial colleges. Courses in personal skills - assertiveness, stress management and time management, for example are run by the Industrial Society's

Pepperell Department. A last word of advice. Be flexible. Do not necessarily go for the same sort of job as you had before. It is as important for you as for a firstjobber to get a foot in the door. So assess your skills honestly and work out where best you will fit in.

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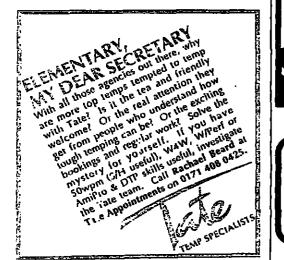
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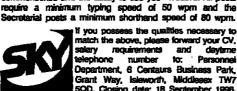
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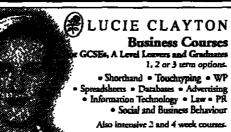
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# WIBC riles players by splitting up top pairs

TWO of the sport's most famous partnerships — David Bryant and Tony Allcock, of England, and Alex Marshall and Richard Corsie, of Scotland — have been dismantled by the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC).

The council, which has always seemed rejuctant to divulge the complex ranking system it uses to determine each country's representation at the world championships, plans to leave Bryant and Marshall out of the premier indoor event in Preston next January.

Bryant, the sport's bestknown player, and Allcock have played in every world indoor pairs championship since the first in 1985, and have won the title six times. Until last February, they had never failed to reach the semi-finals. Although their record on grass is not as impressive, they were runners-up in the world outdoor event in 1984 and 1988.

Bryant. 64, did not play in the singles at Preston last February and nowhis place as Allcock's partner seems likely to go to Mervyn King, of Norfolk.

However, it is Marshall's omission that has raised eyebrows and not only north of the border. While he may not have the best singles record. Marhsall combines most effectively with Corsie and they remain the only pair to have won both the world indoor and outdoor titles. In this vear's world championships, they reached the semi-finals on carpet at Preston and the

final on grass in Adelaide. Corsie, the chairman of the players' representative body, the Professional Bowls Association (PBA), feels he should have been consulted about the

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change. "The WIBC did not ask my opinion," he said yesterday. "I was told bluntly that Alex would not be playing this year, and would be replaced by Graham Robertson. Graham is a first-class player. and we could do well together. but that's not the point."

Corsie added: "I'm very disappointed. You don't create a good pairing overnight. Alex and I have built up a special partnership, and have been very successful. This action by the WIBC shows exactly why the World Bowls Tour is needed — to allow players to have more influence."

Last month, it was announced that a new body to control professional bowls, the World Bowls Tour (WBT), would create an alliance between the PBA, the WIBC and the outdoor body, the World Bowls Board (WBB).

The PBA and WBB, however, gave the WIBC the task of choosing the field for the 1997 world championships. pending the formal creation of the WBT and the appointment of a chief executive.

in the Double Century Sherwomen's national triples championship at Leamington Spa yesterday, Irene Molyneux, who made her international debut 21 years ago. underlined her determination to regain the title she last won with her Oxford City and County colleagues, Audrey Mainwaring and Greta Winstone, in 1991.

Molyneux skipped her team into the quarter-finals with a remarkable 23-11 win over another Oxford side, skipped by one of her protégés, Katherine Hawes. Hawes led 11-10 after 14 ends, but Molyneux finished with a devastating I-4-5-3 sequence.



McGann holds up the trophy after winning the LPGA Rail Classic in Illinois

### Davies trips at play-off again

By Patricia Davies

THE best time to take on Laura Davies, the world No I. is in a play-off. Even with the Englishwoman in prime form. as she is now, it is when she is at her most vulnerable, and on Monday she lost another one. to take her play-off record on the US LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association) Tour to played five, lost five.

It was Michelle McGann who won the State Farm Rail Classic at Springfield, Illinois, with a birdie at the third extra hole, defeating Barb Whitehead, a fellow American, and Davies, who had birdied six of the last seven holes to finish with a 66, six under par, and a total of 202, 14 under. At the final hole, Davies, a

mere five paces from the pin, with the ball in sand, played what she called "a miracle bunker shot" and saw it roll into the hole. "It just seems like anything is possible at the moment," said the woman who had won her 46th title and her sixth of the season last week. "It can't keep on."

However, play-offs still baf-fle her - "I think I've won three and lost about eight all together," she said - and when she tried another "miracle" shot, this time from a fairway bunker, at the 18th in its guise as the third extra hole, the ball hit the lip and flew back over her head, to plug in the sand. McGann, who will make her debut in the Solheim Cup later this month, had a 12-foot putt for her third title of the vear and Davies said "knock it in, mate. Win it with a birdie." McGann obliged and said: "That shows what kind of a sportsman Laura is."

Davies won \$46,294 (about £30,000), to increase her lead at the top of the US money-list to over \$100,000. She has won \$764,08I in prize-money, making this the best season of her career already. Add in the record windfall of \$340,000 from the JC Penney/LPGA skins game in May and the total is over \$1.1 million. This week she is home for the European Open at Hanbury Manor in Hertfordshire.

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# Safety discussions lead to Turner healing the wounds

By JULIAN MUSCAT

DR Michael Turner, chief employ three racecourse inmedical officer at the Jockey Club, yesterday withdrew his threat to resign from the post after lengthy discussions with his employers on racecourse

safety.

Dr Turner's protest against what he felt was the under-mining of his authority was described by Robert Waley-Cohen, the Jockey Club's racecourse steward, as "a huge misunderstanding which has now been totally cleared up." Although Waley-Cohen would not acknowledge it, there seems little doubt the Jockey Club stewards will think twice before sanctioning matters of racecourse safety without Dr Turner's consent.

Dr Turner, 50, maintained that his position was untenable after the Jockey Club authorised the Bank Holiday fixture at Southwell to proceed last week. Dr Turner insisted that he should inspect changes to existing safety procedures at Southwell, where Richard Davis. the National Hunt jockey. was killed in a fall in July. The Jockey Club instead accepted a written guarantee from Southwell that the changes

had been implemented. Asked if Dr Turner would be sent to inspect safety stanarose in the future, Waley-Cohen said: "He often goes and sees for himself. And we

speciors who are doing that sort of thing all the time. In this case, we treated Southwell's guarantees in good faith. We had no reason

to do otherwise." Dr Turner's uncompromis-ing stance had clearly taken the Jockey Club by surprise. The club spent much of Monday in discussion with its medical consultant, and insinuations originating from Portman Square suggested that Dr Turner's intention to

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resign was as much due to criticisms from other sources as with the stewards lack of prudence. Doubtless, Dr Turner is not enamoured by criticism, but his insistence on good ethics can hardly be confused with the irritations of

the press. Certainly the Jockey Club had difficulty accepting that Dr Turner had made his point. A statement it released yesterday started with the bizarre announcement that "the stewards have decided to

retain the services of Dr Michael Turner."

Given that the club's attitude to safety procedures had been severely rapped, it is hard to know who the club thinks it is fooling - particularly when it announced in the same breath that Dr Turner is to check on safety improvements at Southwell in advance of racing there on Monday. Much though it goes against the grain at Portman Square. there is no harm, and certainly no disgrace, in owning up to a mistake.

At least Waley-Cohen moved himself to pay tribute to Dr Turner's work in the four years he has held the post. "We also took the opportunity to estimate the second of the post." tunity to review Dr Turner's terms of reference and found we are both in complete agree ment with what is expected of each other," he said.

Dr Turner's tenure as chief medical officer at the Jockey Club has resulted in a significant improvement in safety standards at racecourses. In addition to his grave reservations over medical practices at Southwell, he has voiced concern that he may be "out of step" with issues governing jockeys. But in a letter to Tony Goodhew, the Jockey Club's director of racecourse services, Dr Turner said yesterday that his concerns "seem to have been unfounded".

## Tatika to make light of rise in weights

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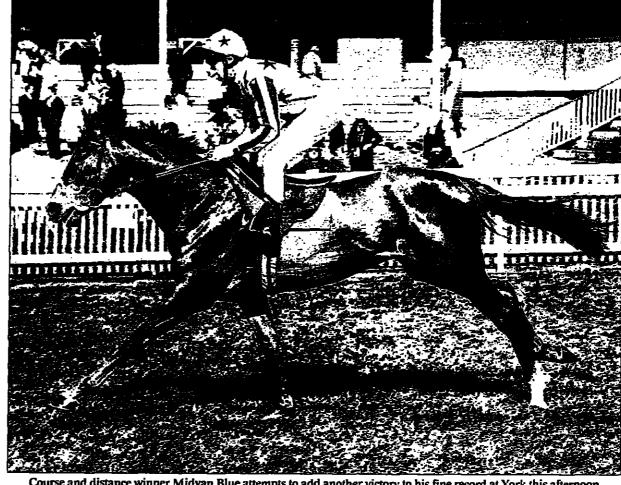
2.40: Lady Godiva boasts the best form credentials, having finished runner-up in a Newmarket nursery 12 days ago. However, she lacks a turn of foot and is again likely to find one too good. Blooming Amazing, beaten a short head when heavily backed on his debut at Thirsk, was poorly drawn when disappointing at Newcastle last time and is worth another chance. Jack Says, who showed ability when placed on the all-wea-



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ther, was probably unsuited by the soft ground when running poorly on his turf debut and should not be

3.10: The Henry Cecil-trained Welcome Parade, making his handicap debut, is likely to be a warm order here. He has shaped as though he will be shaped as though he was suited by this step up in trip, but is likely to start at unrealistically short odds. Midyan Blue, runner-up in the Ebor over course and distance last year, has slipped down the handicap after a string of below-par efforts this season. As a result, he is now 4lb lower in the handicap, and looks sure to give backers a run for their



Course and distance winner Midyan Blue attempts to add another victory to his fine record at York this afternoon

Non Vintage has plenty of ability, and appeared to be running into form when runner-up to Canon Can (winner yesterday) at Newmarket last month. He was unsuited by the very soft ground at Ripon last week and could go close at rewarding odds here. Trainglot is well handicapped but needs a greater test of stamina, as does

3.40: Kassbaan has been in fine form in Dubai and is hard to assess, but finished third to Al Rawda at Goodwood on his last start in this country and would need to improve on that to figure here. Options Open beat Double Splendour by two lengths here last month, but the latter missed the break on that occasion and has sound claims of reversing the form

on 5lb better terms. The Willie Jarvis-trained Red Nymph showed improved form to finish a close fourth in a competitive handicap at Goodwood and looks best of the remainder.

4.10: Tatika, twice an impressive winner of the all-weather at the start of the year, finally came good on turl when

at Sandown last month, and can shrug off a 7lb rise in the from the shrewd David Nicholls yard, is extremely well handicapped but showed little sign of a return to form at Newcastle last time. Celebration Cake and Master Beveled look best of the remainder.

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### 3.40 LAWRENCE BATLEY RATED HANDICAP

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402	(6)	40-0100	SEA DANE 12 (D.F) (Caral Gold Connections) P Hams 3-9-5	88
403	((2)		HARD TO FISURE 11 (D.F.E.S) (J Marsell) R Hodges 10-9-2 R Cochrane	93
404	(4)		DOUBLE BLUE 18 (B.D.F.G.S) (R Hangars) M Johnston 7-9-1 R Halls	88
405	(11)		DOVEBRACE 67 (CD.F,G) (D. Jones) A Bailey 3-9-0	85
406	(13)		CYRANO'S LAD 15 (CD.F.E) (M Foulger) C Dayer 7-8-13 W R Swimburn	98
107	(7)	500321	OPTIONS OPEN 15 (CD.F.B) (J Ramsden) Mrs. J Ramsden 4-8-12 K Fallon	æ
蝦	(14)		DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 15 (SD.BF.F.G.S) P Feiget: 6-8-11 K Darky	98
409	(3)		APRIL THE EIGHTH 15 (B.D.F) (M Siu) B Hills 3-8-8	84
41D	(15)	5-00302	TROPICAL DANCE 33 (C.D.F.G) (G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-7 B Doyle	67
<b>(</b> 11	(2)		BOWDEN ROSE 6 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs C Ward) M Starshard 4-8-7 J Cumm	96
112	(5)		STYLISH WAYS 30 (D.G.S) (ten Hall Recing) Miss S Hall 4-8-7 Martin Dwyer (5)	87
113	aidi		LAGO DI VARANO 4 (V.F.S.S) (The PBT Group) R Whitelex 4-8-7 D McKnown	86
414	(1)	40-2044	RED NYMPH 11 (D,F) (Who Needs Pois?, Pins.) W James 3-8-5 F Lynch (3)	92
115	(9)		RUSHCUTTER BAY 14 (F.G.) (Treasure Seekers Pints) T Clement 3-8-5 J Stack	90
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KASSBAAN best Try Prospect 1/1 in 3 7-numer
issed race at Nad El Shelta, Dubar (61, AW). HARD TO PIGURE 8141 5th of 8 to Add to handican at
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BLE SPLENDOUR (Sib better off) 21 in a 21-runner handicap over course and distance (good) with
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numer handicap over course and distance (good). TROPICAL BEACH 41 2nd of 5 to Royale Figurine in a conditions stat at Newmarks (6), good to firm! with RED MYMPH (2th better off) 44 4th, BOWDEN ROSE neck 2nd of 9 to budy Parkes in a condi-tions race at Lingfield (5), good to soft), LAGO DI VARANO 544 4th of 13 to Crowded Avenue in a tendence in a Sentiero (5).

#### 4.10 Meivor Scotch whisky handicap (£7,096: 71 202yd) (24 runners)

Ħ	(3)	820140	MOUNTGATE 10 (D.F.S) (J. Couplant) NJ Buelby 4-10-0 T Quino	9
12	(14)	030035	SEVENTEENS LUCKY 11 (C.D.F.S) (D Cameros) Bob Jones 4-9-12 M Wighten	94
Ü	111)	05/100-0	MAHOOL 10 (D.F.S) (Mrs. k. Wajson) J Evre 7-9-11 D Pears (3)	9
М	(18)	105801	7ATIKA 21 (D.F.6) (G. Wragg) G. Wagg 6-9-11	93
25	(2)		ROYAL CERUDH 12 (D.F.G.) (Carlton Appointments Ltd) Denys Smith 3-9-8 J Reid	9
16	(22)	264506	MASTER BEVELED 10 (C,D.F.G.S) (Mrs F Williams) P Exers 6-9-8 . J F Egan	9:
17	116)		CELEBRATION CAKE 19 (D.F.) (Ughbody Ltd) Mizs I, Percell 4-9-7 Pai Eddery	9
10	(I)		POLAR PROSPECT 9 (F) (Elmay Racing Post) 9 Harbury 3-9-6 W Ryan	9
19	(6)		HE'S MY LOVE 106 (Shell, Abroad Al Sabelh) J Banks 3-9-4	88
IQ	(12)		QUILLENG 10 (A Watson) M Dods 49-3 F Lynch (3)	95
11	(17)		ROBSERA 6J (D.P. (D Kinshan) J Ouslan 5-9-3	8
12	(9)		PRIDE OF PENDLE 31 (CO.F.G.S) (Mrs.L. Maler) D Nucleolis 7-9-2. Alex Greanes	9
13	(21)		AXEMAN 32 (R) (3 Barton) D Nicholis 4-9-2 K Dartey	9
14	(5)		RAED 30 (H Al Maldoum) P Waterym 3-9-2 R Hills	8
15	(4)	013325	DUELLO 46 (D.S) (H Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 5-9-1 R Coctwane	9
16	(24)		MBULWA 54 (D.F.G.S.) (Northumbria Leisura Ltd) R Fahey 10-9-0 G Carter	91
ŧ7	(19)	038	STACKATTACK 20 U O'Cooner) P Webber 3-9-0 K Fallon	91
B	(23)	500150	YOUNG ANNABEL 19 (BF.G) (Indentificant) C Dayor 3-8-11. Stephen Davies	90
19	(8)	013413	MY GODSON 11 (B.F.G.S) (Linkchallenge Limited) J Eyre 6-8-8 C Teague (3)	9
20	(15)		BELLACARDIA 58 (Mrs. T Wade) 6 Lewis 3-8-6 G Hind	В.
21	(13)	9004	MILUTAHIDA 18 (K Hsu) R Armstrong 3-8-5 M Henry (3)	8
2	(20)	256121	BURDBOX BOY 16 (DUF) (N Covendate) A James 3-8-2 D Winghi (3)	91
3	(1)	465000	MANABAR 23 (D.G) (A Rayner) M Polylase 4-8-1 W Hollick	97
34	170)	045600	MOBBY BARNES 2 (D.F.G.) (E Increa) E Increa 7-7-10	8

BETTING: 7-1 Celebration Cales, 8-1 Fadisa. 10-1 Eurobox, Boy. Mitsulwa, Robassa, Macter Beweled, 12-1 Mouragain, Custing, Royal Cellich, Sevenains Lucky, 14-1 Duello, My Godson. 16-1 others 1995: CHAIFMANS CHOICE 5-8-0 J Tate (?-2) A James 11 can

#### FORM FOCUS TATIKA best Mazcoter 23/4 in a 9-numer appren-lice pokeys' hundrag at Sandown (1m, good to famt) with SEVENTEENS LUCKY (7/b better of); of 11 to Hawkeley Hill in Annibrag at Newmarket short-heart 3/m RDYAL (5/BLDH 5/4) 33d to 1 (1m, good to famt).

norf-head 3nd. HUTAL CREMENT 359 3nd to nevers Consul in Nimede 3lables at Thirsk (1m, nod). MASTER BEVELED 464 6th oil 14 to Sky ome in handicap al Bootwood (1m, good) CELE- RATTON CANE need Calcon's Rame 3t in a 12- syner lendicap at Handick (1m, good to firm). URLING 31 4th of 8 to King's Academy in a andicap at Redcar (1m, good to firm). PRIDE OF	ITM, good to limit, and the first service of the A Rim, MARDLUMA 1944 this of 9 to Gave Me A Rim, Handfreap at York (I'm, good), MY GODSON head and 1941 3rd of 12 to Euron Septic headlang at Beverley (71 160yd, good), EUR BOY beaf Forest Fartissy 2 in a 10-numer har at Leicester (1715, good to from) Selection: TAYINA
1.40 MAYFIELD BITTER & LAGER 3-Y-O: £6,368: 1m 21 85yd) (12 runners	)
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604	(3)	003	GULLIVER 21 (K Abouta) B Hills 9-0 Pal Eddery	8
05	(6)	445224	MELT THE CLOUDS 23 (Mrs & Godfrey) P Hams 9-0	9
06	(2)	4	MOHAWK RIVER 138 (Sheuk) Mohammed) M Stoole 9-0 W R Swinburd	9
107	ίij	0-0533	RADIANT STAR 56 (BF) (J Peace) G Wragg 9-0 M HBs	ŧ
<b>200</b>		55	RETICENT 21 (Sheliki Mahammed) J Gosden 9-0 J Carroll	8
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510		36-	PLANING JUNE 316 (Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber) H Cecil 8-9 A McGlone	8
	(4)	0-0	GALAKA 16 (Britishy Stud) L Cumari 8-9	7
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FILMORE WEST 41 3rd of 9 to Tart in a marden at Wolverhampton (1m 100 nd, AW) last year, FORMI-DABLE PARTNER 4141 4th of 10 to Ragsat Jameel in a trackcap at Lefosster (1m 4t, good to farm) in a trackcap at Lefosster (1m 4t, good to farm) with marden at Sandown (1m 2t, good to farm) with marden at Sandown (1m 2t, good to farm) with RETICENT head and 3rd 5th. inconvers severe in set to the manager of a malders at tencoury (firm 3), poordi. RADIANT STAR 21:1 and neck 3rd of 13 to Greensland in a maiden as Newmarket (firm 2), good). RETICENT 1441 last of 5 to Lubaba in a maiden at Yarmouth (firm, tirm) Selection: MOHAWK RIVER

### 5.10 KNIGHTSBRIDGE GIN MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £6,316: 6! 214yd) (11 runners)	
1 (3) 42 CHRNA RED 19 (N Browne) J Halt. 9-0 . 2 (11) FANTASTIC FELLON (Thoroughbred Corporation) C Britain 9-0 . 3 (9) HAL TARRA, (Codelprin) S bin Saron 9-0 . 4 (7) KALARINA (Shaith Mahammen) L Curran 9-0 . 5 (6) MENGARB (Shaith Ahmed Al Maltourn) J Gostien 9-0 . 6 (4) 43 RAMBION RAIN 108 (BF) (Maltourn Al Maltourn) M Johnston 9-0 . 7 (5) SOLO MEO (M Saul) B Hills 9-0 . 9 (7) 3 STANTON HARFOURT 26 (C Humphris) J Durliop 9-0 . 9 (8) 3 STANTON HARFOURT 26 (C Humphris) J Durliop 9-0 . 10 (8) 2ALCITTO (P Sant) T Elberington 9-0 . 11 (1) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (7) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (8) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (9) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (1) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (1) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (1) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (1) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (2) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 . 9 (2) SOLOX (C Reed) C Thoroton 9-0 .	_ B Doyle _ J Reid O Urbina G Hinds J Carroll A Hills Pat Eddary 9 _ T Cohn ( k Darley McKepwn
1995: RED ROBBO 9-0 Par Eddeny (6-1) H Cecul 9 ran	
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FURM FUCUS CHINA RED 21 2nd of 9 to Reliquary in a maiden at Haydock (61, good to firm). HALTARRA (loaded Feb 51. By 2023), Institution to Derby where Lammanza, dam, high-class middle discanse ger-lammanza, dam, high-class middle discanse ger-lammanza and dam, high-class middle discanse ger-lammanza dam, high-class middle discanse ger-lammanz

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

#### Pontefract

Going: good, good to firm in places 2.45 (1m 41 8yd) 1. AYUNU (G Milhgen, 13-8 fev), 2. Mock Trial (F Lynch, 5-2), 3. Snow Falcon (R Mullen, 9-2), ALSO RAN, 9 Ashover (5th), 10 Walcome Royale (4th), 18 De-Veers Currie, 33 Record Lover (6th), 68 Leap In The Dark, 190 The Cottonword Kel 3.15 (6) 1. BURLINGTON HOUSE (Pal Eddery, 11-4 lav), 2. Burkus Manor (Dean McKeown, 8-1), 3. Brutal Fantaey (K Darley, 13-2), ALSO RAN 10 Abstone Queen (5th), Nostalgic Air, 12 No Extra-diston, 14 Docklands Carriage, in Good Nack £19.10. CSF £25.02. Tnčast £130.41.
3.45 (1m 2/ 6yd) 1, ACTION JACKSON (K Darley, 3-1); 2, Shabanaz (Pat Etidery, 3-1).
3, Bold Top (J F Egan, 25-1). ALSO RAN. 7-4 tav Gusssimetion (4th), 14 Ablaal, 20 H. Rock. Houghton Verture, 25 Highfield Rzz (5th), Insh Oasss, Sate Dancer, 38 Forecast. Nulsud, 50 Acontonace, Andry Coin, Brown Eyed Girl (6th), Hurza Story, Lady Proy. Undawaterscubation. 18 ran. NR Proud Brigandler Nk, 191, 191, 291, 37 B Molletin at Newmarket, Tois; 24 60; £130, £120.
59 SD. DF £10.00 Tno £171 40 CSF. £128 B. Bught at 8.000 gns.
4.15 (8t) 1, LiMA (O Urbine, 4-1), 2

4.15 (6) 1. LBAA (O Urbina, 4-1), 2. Nigrasine (D McKeown, 4-1), 3, Khrair (R Hills, 5-1), ALSO RAN 13-8 tav Irish Accord (4th), 5 Musical Dancer (6th), 16 Perfect Bless (5th), 6 ran, NR. Largesse 11, 294, 21, 31, dt L Cumen at Newmentat, 10 or e5 10, 1280, 12240, DF 13.390 CSF 119 47 4.45 (2m 1/ 216yd) 1, CANON CAN (W Ryan, 4-1), 2, Kristal's Paradise (Pat Eddery, 8-11 lav), 3, Anchor Clover (K Fallon, 4-1), ALSO RAN 6 Bahaman

CSF E7.41
5.15 (8) 1. GRAND CHAPEAU (Alex Greaves, 20-1); 2, Kūra (O Pears, 7-1), 3, Barsto (K Fallon, 15-2); 4, Robellion (R Cochrans, 12-1), ALSO RAN 5-1 law Fog City, 7 Finistene (5th), 9 Cavers Yangous, 10 Pageboy, Thai Morning, 12 Aguado, Capitain Carat (6th), 20 How's Yer Father, Surf City, 25 Cruz Santa, Whale Sonel, 33 Deerly, Diciation, 17 rain NR, Statisticcan, 41, 21, 141, 14, D Nichotis at Thirist, Tote, C73 00, E12-70, E180, C180, CSF £151.76 Press., 21, 113 87

Tricast. C1.113 87
5.45 (1m 4yd) 1, MAPILE BAY (G Faulkner, 3-1 lav); 2, Courageous Denote (J Stack, 9-1), 3, Advance East (K Fallon, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 6 Flying North, 7 Samba Sharply, 2ngapore Sing, 10 Thaichad (4th), 12 Wickins (6th), 14 Spanish Ventica, 16 First Phentasy, Rambo Wetzer, 20 Royal Legend, 25 Desen Zone, Nasel, 50 Peasure Trick, 55th, 15 ran, NR: Narbonne, Ron's Secret, 4u, 13ú, nk, 244, hd, A Bailey at Tarporiey Tote, 24 30; £140, £3.20, 12 70 DF: £22.30, Tho. £51 80. CSF. £32 41 Tocast £180 40 £32 41 Theast: £180 40
Jackpot: not won (pool of £3,838.34
carried forward to York today).

Placepot: £152.10. Quadpot: £78.40. Brighton Going: Irm
2.30 (6! 209yd) 1. Rumbustique (Dane
C'Neill, 100-30 tev. Thundarer's rap); 2.
Sant Who (20-1), 3. Life On The Street
(12-1), 13 ren. 13-t W. R Harmon Tote.
E400; E190, E1200, E5.70. DF: E172.20.
Trior E292.80 (part won: pool of E131.90
carried loward to 4 10 at York roday) CSF.
265.92. Tricast. £983.83

205 55: 11k851: 1985 55 3 3.00 (61 205 yd) 1, imterdream (Dane C'Neil, 20-1); 2, Swiss Coast (5-6 tav), 3, Here's To Howae (10-1), 8 ran. NF Bapsford, 1/sl, 1/sl, 1 R Hannon Tote C23 80: 64 00, 51 10, 53.20. DF: £10 90 Trib. £19.80. CSF: £36.88 3.30 (7) 214yd) 1, Rapter (Dane O'Nett, 11-8) 2, St. Lawrence (33-1); 3, Heart of Armor (4-5 tay), 7 ran, 31, hd R Hannon Toter 22:50, 21 40, 57 20, DF 529 30 CSF 231 67.

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4.00 (Im 31 196yd) 1, Colour Counsellor (C Adismson, 15-2); 2, Ela Agapi Mou (6-1), 3, Duncombe Hell (10-1), Efficacious 100-30 fav. 13 ran 3l, 21, R Flower, Tote: £8.90; 52.10, C3-20, 52:60 DF; 523.10, Trio. 587.60, CSF; £49.95, Trocast, £412.71. 4.30 (tm 1/209yd) 1, Afon Alwen (T Culm, 7-1), 2, Golden Fawn (6-4 fav); 3, Talluigh Belle (20-1) 6 fan NR, Al Done, 1%, nk, S Williams Tote, 52.20; 52.10, £1.60 DF; £5.30 CSF, £17.46. 5.00 (81 209yd) 1, Jo Madmus (Dane O'Neil 10-1); 2, Balance Of Power (5-2 lav); 3, Sharp Imp (12-1) 9 ran, 9-1 14 L S Dow Tote 118-40, 52.60, 52.60, 53.00 DF, 520.60 Trio 557 80, CSF, E34 48 Tricast 528-25

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### 4.50 Brighton Amateur Riders Handicap

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### **NEWTON ABBOT**

2.30 Just-Mana-Mou. 3.00 Duke Of Dreams, 3.30 Spring Campaign. 4.00 Storm Run. 4.30 Hillwalk. 5.00 Zine Lane.

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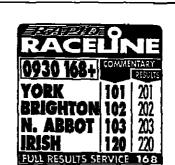
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CHASE (£3,441: 3m 2f 110yd) (6) 

#### 5.00 ARMITAGE SHANKS BETTER BATHROOMS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,222: 2m 1f) (9)

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# Dashing DeFreitas shows his true colours

TAUNTON (first day of four Derbyshire won toss): Derbyshire have scored 389 for seven wickets against

DERBYSHIRE will settle for what they achieved yesterday. Losing four wickets before lunch on a pitch of generous bounce, they collected a fourth batting point in the final hour as DeFreitas revealed the strokes he has always had but rarely allows the world to see. If he bowls as keenly as he batted last night, Derbyshire will not need four days

As well as DeFreitas, Derbyshire

have also included Cork, Malcolm. and Harris, the young fast bowler, who was capped before the start of play. They will have noted how Caddick and Van Troost got the ball to go through, and may have salivated at the prospect of having a go themselves. They will not have to worry about the Dutchman, who limped off with a groin strain after taking his second wicket.

By lunch, Rollins was well on the way to his second championship balls adding only 27 as his fifth-wicket partnership with Cork ran into quicksand. It was a valuable century for all that, and without the 135 the pair contributed, Derbyshire would not now hold the high

It is a measure of their spirit that somebody always manages to come up with the runs, and it helps that they score them at a decent rate. Adams and O'Gorman, who made hundreds in the previous match at Chesterfield, were out cheaply here. Barnett and Jones, their experienced batsmen, failed too. But Rollins rode hundred of the season, which came from 128 balls. He then spent 102 the storm to complete his prosper-ous voyage and Cork batted with a

sense that is not always evident when he plays for England. Part of it has to go with responsi-bility. He occupied the No6 spot

yesterday and, after a testing start, when Caddick upset him with a number of short balls, he reached a half-century with a drive pushed down the ground, off his termenter. He has made only one champion-ship century, failed by three runs to add a second three weeks ago, and was clearly aggrieved to be given caught behind for 77, though he should not have 'offered' umpire Clarkson the bat, as if to say: "It's got to hit this, you know. Rollins had gone in the first over

He should have been out to the same bowler for two dozen fewer runs, but Batty spilt a chance at square leg and signalled the 'catch' was not clean as the batsman made his way from the field.

At 286 for six, it was not certain that Derbyshire would take four batting points. DeFreitas dispelled the doubts with an exhibition of crisp hitting, making 60 from 54 balls, with three sixes, the last of which, a pull off Kerr, brought up his 50. Batty conceded the first two sixes from successive balls, and has gone wicketless so far. It was not his day.

Nor was it Bowler's. When Somerset's acting captain allowed Caddick to bowl without a gully. you had to wonder what he thought he was up to. Somerset, apparently, are looking beyond Taunton for a new captain, just as Derbyshire did

when they approached Dean Jones.
That Jones has had a considerable effect on Derbyshire's cricket can be seen from the table, and he continues to back his horses. Glen Roberts, 22, a left-arm spinner, is making his championship debut here ahead of Vandrau. Krikken, the unorthodox wicketkeeper-batsman, has so far defied Somerset for

Glamorgan

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By Ivo Tennant

SOUTHAMPTON (first day

of four, Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 229 for five wickets against Hampshire

ONE OF the most notable aspects of Glamorgan's cricket

this summer has been the

success of the opening pairing

of Hugh Morris and Steve

James. Their partnership of

117 yesterday was not quite their highest, but it was of no

less significance for that. On a

day in which 35 overs were lost

to rain, this gave them the

ideal start against an almost

unrecognisable Hampshire

The bowler who broke this opening partnership and, in-deed, took three wickets on his

first-class debut was Dmitri

Mascarenhas, a Greek-sound-

ing, London-born Australian-

raised all-rounder of Sri

Lankan parents. At a brisk

medium pace he had James

leg-before. Dale caught be-

hind first ball and Morris

Hampshire's side was an

unexpected one in every re-

spect. It included just three

capped players. Six individ-

uals were injured, Udal, who

has taken 31 expensive wickets

this season, was dropped and

neither Sean Morris nor Paul

Terry, who is to emigrate to

Australia later this month,

inexperience inevitably

showed. Alas, there were no

further heroics from Botham.

Play did not start until 1.25pm

owing to heavy overnight rain.

For James, who must have a

fair chance of going on En-

gland's A tour this winter, batting is a doddle at the

moment. This was his sixth

first-class century of the sea-

son. It included sixteen fours

and a six and in the course of

his innings he passed 1,500

Morris's innings of 80.

which contained II fours, was

typically and quietly efficient.

After he was out, Hampshire

also managed to rid them-

selves of Maynard, who drove

a full toss back to Renshaw.

and Cottey, caught behind off

Botham. His exuberance in

his follow through, right arm

raised in salute, was markedly

Considering Glamorgan's

total at one stage was 177

without loss, Hampshire's re-

covery was quite an

reminiscent of his father.

achievement.

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### Hollioake drives **Ambrose** to brink of despair

By JACK BAILEY

THE OVAL (first day of four: Northamptonshire won toss): Surrey have scored 378 for nine wickets against Northamptonshire

IF DEPTH of batting were the sole criterion, Surrey would have the county championship buttoned up by now. Their ability to score runs a long way down the order was underlined yesterday when, having lost five wickets for 104 runs and with Curtly Ambrose breathing fire. Adam Holli-oake and Brendon Julian not only knocked the West Indian fast bowler out of kilter but went on to establish a Surrey record for the seventh wicket against Northamptonshire.

Bold, aggressive, demon-strably confident and a delight to the eye, these two put on 181. leaving behind the 142 of Arthur McIntyre and Alec Bedser, extant since 1950, in their wake. Oval wickets were not as consistently good in those days and statistics can lie, but the quality of batting shown by Hollioake and Julian, who each scored hun-

dreds, deserved recognition. It was Hollioake's fifth century of the season, although his first of 1996 in front of an Oval crowd. He nearly did not get there. Second slip dropped a ball going like a bullet from the fist of Ambrose when he had made 90; but by the time Penberthy bowled him off his pad he had faced 164 balls, had hit 14 fours and two sixes and had achieved the rare distinction of making Ambrose wonder where to bowl at

Here was counter-attack of the classic kind. Shahid had fallen to the first ball he received after lunch, Thorpe had been run out via the welldirected boot of Penberthy and a lunchtime score of 77 for three, after a start delayed by thirty minutes, was transformed so that half Surrey were gone on a greenish wicket and barely a hundred

on the board. Hollioake's contribution had been to take 19 off an Ambrose over, including two pulled sixes to the short gasworks boundary. He was Ambrose overs yielding 30 runs. By the time Julian arrived Hollioake had made 42. Now the action became less frenetic but no scoring opportunity went begging. Striking the ball effortlessly through the covers, Julian matched Hollinake in both gifted strokeplay and speed of

scoring. The second century of Julian's first-class career - both scored this season for Surrey contained a six and fourteen fours, hit almost exclusively through the covers with a beautifully straight bat. An object lesson for the schoolboys, a failed gamble for Northamptonshire, who, having put Surrey in, so nearly made it pay.

Indeed, had their bowlers found the right length on a pitch that gave the seamers no little help, especially early on. it could have been a different tale. In general, too many balls were dropped short and that was meat and drink to the likes of Hollioake.

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#### Influential **Simmons** faces tricky dilemma

BY SIMON WILDE

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four, Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire have scored 320 for nine wickets against Leicestershire

THE course of Leicestershire did not run completely smooth yesterday. A demoralised Nottinghamshire side, lacking Chris Cairns and with six defeats in their past seven championship matches, kept them in the field all day on a typically unresponsive Trent Bridge pitch.

The visitors should establish a first-innings lead from here, but will need all the inspiration from their "energy circles", the huddle they form after taking every wicket, to claim the win they need to stay

in the title race. Everything went according to plan, until shortly after lunch. Then, Nottinghamshire were 111 for five. Simmons, so often Leicestershire's inspiration, had banged in two balls with sufficient force to account for Archer and Robinson with successive balls, and Johnson was foolishly run out when Dowman sought a single to point, from where Maddy threw down the stumps.

But another wicket did not fall until the stroke of tea, by which time Evans, who scored 71, and Tolley, 40, had shared an excellent stand of 117 in 36 overs. They caused Leico shire to lose focus, as did Noon and Bates later in putting on 56, but neither partnership should have reached such proportions as both Tolley and Noon were afforded an early

life behind the stumps. Leicestershire are anxious that Simmons, whose wholehearted effort brought three wickets and a catch, should remain their overseas player next year, and have proffered a two-year contract, but they may be thwarted by the decision to expand the Caribbean domestic season, possibly into June.

The West Indies Cricket Board has not decided how this change should affect cricketers who sign for counties, but in the past its players were expected to appear in islands matches in order to be eligible for internationals. Although not a regular, Simmons played in West Indies last home Test series. Phil may have to decide where his future lies." a Leicestershire official said.

### Lancashire pitch reported

LANCASHIRE have had their Old Trafford pitch reported to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) after 17 wickets fell on the first day of the county championship game against Middlesex at Old Trafford vesterday.

John Holder and George Sharp, the umpires, declared the strip "poor" after Middlesex were bowled out for 160, and Harry Brind, the TCCB chief inspector of pitches, will investigate this morning. The Old Trafford wicket was reported two years ago.

Mike Watkinson took advantage yesterday to pick up his season's best figures as Middlesex were skittled. The visitors hit back, though, to reduce Lancashire to 175 for seven at the close after they had initially made a mockery of the pitch by cruising to 125

for two. But Mike Atherton was trapped by Paul Weekes and Phil Tufnell claimed two wickets in two balls as Lancashire slumped to 130 for five. Tufnell, the former England spinner, finished with four for 42. Steve Titchard remained defiant on 47 not out, but Richard Green was run out off the last ball of the day to leave Lancashire in deeper trouble.

# Irani's response timed to perfection

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

EDGBASTON (first day of four; Essex won toss): Warwickshire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 224 runs behind Essex

SUCH is the congestion at the top of the county championship that Essex slipped from first to fifth by losing at Headingley on Monday. Ano-ther setback here, at the home of the retiring champions, would render their title prospects negligible and the signs were unpromising for them when, soon after lunch, they had lost half the side for 87.

Those observing from afar might have concluded that Essex were a spent force. This, however, was to reckon without the resilience of their lower order and the sporting nature of this Edgbaston pitch. Inspired by a serene 69 from Ronnie Irani, Essex rallied to reach 238, which may turn out to be a winning total. They took three Warwickshire wick-ets for 14 before the close, could have had more and are not to be written off just yet.

It was, to put it tactfully, a brave decision by Paul Prichard to bat first. There had been rain since dawn, the skies were leaden, the air heavy and the pitch tinged with green. What is more, Gladstone Small was fit to play in only his sixth championship match of the season and he had a powerful incentive to demonstrate that there are few better exponents of such conditions.

Small, 35, is in his seventeenth season with Warwickshire and there is speculation that it may be his last Contracts are to be discussed next week and his hopes of a renewal look far healthier after dismissing four of the Essex top six. Grayson went in his second over, leg-before to a break-back, and Gooch had survived a series of appeals in making five from 13 overs before edging a ball that lifted. and left him, to third slip.

Batting was a precarious business as the ball darted around off the seam at varying heights. Hussain occupied 21 overs in reaching double figures before pulling a violent six off Munton, who was already beginning to suspect it was not his day. Munton will probably be appointed club captain before the end of the week but he laboured, unchanged and unrewarded, for 23 overs at the Pavilion End.

Brown surprised Prichard with one that popped at him and, after lunch, Small returned to claim Hussain, playing an impatient cut, and Lewis, marooned on his crease and leg-before. This was the low point of Essex's day but Irani seemed unaware of it. Punishing Munton's variable line, he hit him twice through square leg, then on-drove sweetly for six.

Irani batted with a poise and certainty beyond anyone else in making 69 from 73 balls. His stand of 66 with Rollins for the sixth wicket was not only the highest of the innings, it may yet prove to be the most significant of the

After Irani had perished to a misguided drive and departed lashing bat against thigh in self-disgust, Ilott supervised further resistance by the tail and contrived to look in little difficulty as he added 30 for the last wicket with Such. This, however, had more to do with an old ball and weary bowlers than any improve-ment in the pitch, as was evident when Warwickshire

Williams, enjoying a lateseason renaissance, moved the ball around disconcertingly to remove both openers, Moles after previously being dropped at cover. flott then dismissed Giles, first ball, with an inswinger and had Wasim Khan missed at fourth slip with the last ball of an eventful day.



Irani hits a boundary during his inspiring innings yesterday. Photograph: Ian Stewart

### Drakes's exhibition leaves Hick in the shade

BY PAT GIBSON

WORCESTER (first day of four: Sussex won toss): Worcestershire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand. are 110 runs behind Sussex

THIS is supposed to be one of those end-of-the-season fixtures that come into the "meaningless" category, but try telling that to Vasbert Drakes, Mark Newell and Graeme Hick, For them.

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county championship

gan won tossi: Glamorgan havt scor for five wickets against Hampshire GLAMORGAN: First Innings

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A Dale c Aymes b Mascarenhas
M P Maynard c and b Renshaw
P A Cottey c Aymes b Botham
1A D Shaw not out

Extres (nb 4) . ....

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-177, 2-177, 3-194.

BOWLING: Renshaw 15-1-71-1, Thursheld 13-3-17-0; Maru 15-7-26-0, Botham 10-2-33-17-18 Mascarenhas 12-2-46-3, Keech 4-2-6-0

HAMPSHIRE: G W White, J S Laney, M Keech, "R A Smith, W S Kendall, L J

Botham, †A N Aymes, D A Mascaren R J Maru, M J Thursfield, S J Henshaw

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Umpres: G | Burgess and D J Constant.

Lancashire v Middlesex

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G A Shah o Keep b Martin
R L Johnson o Waterson
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R A Fay b Westerson
R C France of Coloyd b Martin
P C R Turnell not out

Extras (58, 63. nb 2) .. .. ..

BOWLING: Martin 14:5-31-4; Elwority 10-1-48-7, Green 15-3-42-0; Gallian 3-0-9-0; Keedy 2-1-4-0 Walkinson 9.4-1-15-5.

LANCASHIRE: First brings

JER Gallian b Wedles ....

Hampshire v Glamorgan

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of lour, Clamor

yesterday could hardly have been more meaningful.

Drakes, the West Indian all-rounder, who took a long time to come to terms with English cricket in his first season as Sussex's overseas player, turned his fourth fifty in five games into a maiden championship century with a wonderfully uninhibited exhibition of strokeplay. Caribbean-style.

It was just the pick-me-up Sussex needed. They had lost

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IJJ Haynes, PJ Marrin and G Knedy to be

FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-106, 3-125, 4-130, 5-130, 6-138, 7-175

BOWLING: Fracer 5-1-17-0, Fay 3-0-6-0 Weekes 28-5-7-85-2 Johnson 2-0-7-0. Tufnet 24-8-42-4

Bonus points Lancashire 4 Libediesex 3

Nottinghamshire v

Leicestershire

TRENT BRIDGE (first day of four Not-tinghamshire won loss) Notinghamshire have scored 320 for rine wickets against Leroestershire

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K P Evans low b Pierson
W M Noon not out

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Bonus points: Nottinghamshire 3 Lecesterchire 4

Somerset v Derbyshire

DERBYSHIPIE: First Invings

Extras (b. 1, fb 6, w. 1, nb, 16)

Total (9 wids, 109 overs) ,...

Jimpires: J W Holder and G Sharp

l'otal (7 wids, 63.5 overs) ...

amid the trauma and repercussions of the Giddins affair and they were soon in trouble again as the ball swung and seamed in overcast conditions. Athey and Lenham were out inside seven balls and, when Mark Newell, 22, making his first-class debut in the company of his elder brother, Keith, was caught behind off the first ball he faced. Sussex were 64 for

Total (7 wkts, 104 overs) ......

A J Harris and D E Malcolm to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-60, 3-116, 4-132, 5-267, 6-286, 7-369

BOWLING: Caddick, 28.3-3-109-2; van Troost 8.3-0-40-2; Kerr 20-1-90-1, Lee 18-5-69-2; Bady 25-11-64-0, Bowler 4-2-2-0.

SOMERSET: M N Latinwell, M E Trescothick, \*P D Bowler, R J Harden, S Lee S C Ecclestone, 1R J Turner, J I D Ken, A R Caddick, J D Batty, A P van Troost.

Surrey v Northamptonshire

Bonus points Somerset 3 Derbyshere 4.

Umpres: P Willey and A Clarkson

D G Cork c Turner b Lee

Extras (No 15, no 16)

Drakes's response to the crisis was to hit 103 off 134 balls in less than 212 hours. He struck 16 fours all round the wicket and two sixes off Ellis — one flicked effortlessly over square leg, taking him to his 50, the other driven straight over the sponsor's boxes and landing in New Road.

For all his efforts, a total of 219 was barely adequate on a pitch that had eased as the weather improved and, when

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

SURREY: First trains

C C Lewis low b Taylor B P Julian c Ripkry b Taylor †G J Kersey c Sales b Penberthy M P Boknoll not out

BOWLING: Ambroso 20-5-71-1; Taylor 21-4-75-3; Capel 19-4-74-2; Penberthy 17-4-57-2; Curran 5-0-27-0; Snape 14-1-

Extras (b 2, lb 13, nb 16) .

flying start with 42 out of 51 for the first wicket, the stage was set for Hick to reassert It was not to be. The man

who once seemed capable of scoring county championship centuries at will was caught behind off his sixth ball and has not scored 100 runs in ten innings in all forms of cricket since being cast adrift from the England side a month

Warwickshire v Essex

EDGBASTON (first day of hour, Essex won loss): Warmdishiro, with soven first-mrings wickets in hand, are 224 runs behind Essex ESSEX: First Intrings "G A Goodh c Ostler to Smell
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P J Prichord c Moles to Brown
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P J Robins c Kinght to Brown
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N F Williams to Muniton
A P Cowan c Knight to Smith
P M Such not out

Extras (b 9, lb 10, w 2, nb 2) Total (91.4 overs) .....

FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-18, 3-56, 4-75, 5-87, 6-153, 7-160, 8-201, 9-208. BOWLING: Small 20-8-41-4, Munton 32-14 70-1, Brown 18-2-62-3, Gdes 12 4-4-32-1, Smith 9-2-14-1.

#### 59-0 NORTHAMPTONISHIRE: R. R. Mont gomena, A.J. Swarm, M.B. Loye, D.J. Capol D.J. Sales, "K. M. Cutran, A.L. Penborthy ID Ripley, J.N. Snape, C.E.L. Ambrosc, J.F. Taylor. THE OVAL (first day of lour; Northampton-shire won loss); Surrey have scored 378 for nine wickets against Northamptonshire Taylor. Bonus points: Surrey 4 Northamptonshire 4 Umpires: J.D. Bond, and V.A. Holder. **Boon appointed Durham captain**

### FALL OF WICKETS 1-6, 2-64, 3-64 4-111, 5-111, 6-228, 7-231, 8-287, 9-304 BOWLING Milits 20-4-69-1, Parsons 24-6 74-0, Smirrions 26-7-64-3: Wells 10-4-23-0 Brimson 15-3-52-1; Pierson 14-2-31-3 LEICESTERSHIRE: V.J.Wells, D.L.Maddy, 8 F.Smith, P.V.Smithons, "J.J.Whitaker, G.I. Macmillan, 1P.A. Nicon, G.J. Parsons, D.J. Millins, A.R.K. Pierson, M.T. Brithoson, Umpires: B J Mayer and A G T Whitehead TAUNTON (first day of laur Derbyshire war-tass), Derbyshire have scored 389 for seven

THE intrigues of last weekend in Durham, where the captain resigned while the director of cricket was out of the country, assumed a clear meaning yesterday (Alan Lee writes). David Boon, recently retired from the Australia Test team, is to be the club's overseas player for the next two years; he will also take

over as captain. It was not a great surprise when Mike Roseberry stood down on Saturday, for his team is destined to finish bottom of both the champion ship and the Sunday league, and the burden has had a damaging effect on his

Geoff Cook, who has been

in charge of the club's cricket affairs through five dismaying seasons, had left for Tasmania on Friday. After considering a move for Sachin Tendulkar, whose availability next summer would be limited, he was confident of acquiring Boon, and Roseberry knew he was about to be replaced.

Boon, even approaching 36, is a shrewd signing. One of only three Australians to make 7,000 Test runs, he was an unglamorous, understated international player, but with a sharp cricketing brain. He has long had a yen to play county cricket and came close to a contract with Warwickshire in 1993

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings N V Knight tow b Wilhams A J Moles c Rollins b Williams W G Khan not out A F Giles tow b flort D P Ostler not out

Total (3 wkts, 11 overs) ... G C Small, T L Penney, D R Brown, †K J Piper, N M K Smith and \*T A Munion to bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-10, 3-11 BOWLING, flort 6-3-4-1, Witharms 5-1-7-2, Bonus points Warwickshire 4 Essex 2. Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews Worcestershire v Sussex

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K Greonfield low b Lampot
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K Newell c Hick b Shonyar
M Newell c Rhodes b Moody
V C Dratus a Lampet b Leatherdal
I'D N Saksbury b Bills
D K Saksbury b Bills
D K Law c Shonyar b Rawnsley
H J Kirloy not out Exerc (b. 1. b. 8, w. 1, nb. 8).

Total (67 overs) ...... FALL OF WICKETS 1-1, 2-1, 3-45, 4-55 5-64, 6-93, 7-147, 8-155, 9-215 BOWLING Sheriyar 13-3-50-2, Etts 17-6-58-3: Moody 17-5-36-2: Lampet 16-2-57-1, Lostherdalo 3-1-5-1, Bawmiley 1-0-4-1 WORCESTERSHIRE: First Immigs

TS Curts not out WPC Woston c Finley b Law GA Hick c Moorus b Law TM Moody not out Extras (w 2, nb 6) . . Total (2 wkts, 37 overs) . . D A Leatherdolo, V S Solanki, S R Lampet, 1S J Rhodos, M Rawroley, A Sheriyar and S W K Elks to bar

FALL OF WICKETS 1-51, 2-61 BOWLING: Drakes 13-3-44-0; killing 10-3-34-0; Law 9-3-21-2; K. Nowell 1-0-3-0 Salicbury 4-1-7-0 Bonus points. Worcostershim 4 Sursey 1 Umparest J C Balderstone and K E Palmer

Sri Lanka v Zimbabwe COLOMBO (Sn Lanka won loss). Sn Lanka beat Zmbabwe by sw wichels ZIMBABWE

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Total (5 wkts, 50 overs) ..... W R James, H H Streak, H K Olonga and A R Whitali did not but FALL OF WICKETS 1-13, 2-48, 3-48, 4-66, 5-180 BOWLING Wickernasinghe 9-1-33-1 Pishpakumara 6-0-27-2 Murditharan 10-1-36-1, Ranatunga 5-0-22-1 Chandana 10-0-48-0; Jayasunya 10-1-54-0

SRI LANKA ST Jayusunya b Olonga 5 fR S Kaluwitharana e Wichari b Olonga 12 A P Guntanna run oui 15 P A de Sike not oui 12 A Ranatunga c Olonga b A R Whitial 20 H P Tillekoranno not out 34

Extras (6 1, 16 2 w 8, n6 4) Total (4 wks, 47 overs) .... M. S. Atapatlu, U. U. Chandand, G. P. Wickremaunghe, K. R. Pushpakumara and M. Muralitharan did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-18, 2-25, 3-100, 4-129

BOWLING Sireal 8-0-24-0 Clonga 6-0-47-2; G J Whital 5-0-26-0, A R Whitali 10-1-30-1, Strang 10-0-50-0 Wishart 4-0-24-0 G W Flower 1-0-10-0, Evans 3-0-14-0 Man of the match: P A de Silva Umpires S Bucknor (West Indies) and C Mildhley (South Africa)

Sri Lanka qualify for the final on Saturday September 7. They will play the winners of the match etween Australia and India. which takes place tomorrow.

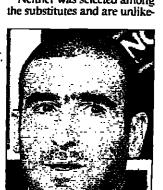
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# Holdsworth demands move from Wimbledon

HOLDSWORTH'S disagreement with Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, has passed the point of no return. After Kinnear publicly lambasted his striker for displaying a "disappointing" attitude and restricted him to training with the reserve team. Holdsworth responded yesterday by asking to be placed on the transfer

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Wimbledon's dismal start to the season, with three successive defeats in the FA Carling Premiership, has led to murmurs of discontent at the south London club. Holdsworth and Oyvind Leonhardsen, the Norway midfield player, were particularly unhappy at being left out of the side that lost 1-0 away to Leeds United nine days ago. Neither was selected among



Cantona: injured

ly to figure in Kinnear's plans for the match against Tottenham Hotspur at Selhurst Park tonight. Neither will Teddy Sheringham, Chris Arm-strong and Gary Mabbutt feature for Tottenham, although injuries have ruled them out, and may also account for Darren Anderton and Ian Walker.

It was not an especially good day for Wimbledon. The Football Association of Ireland (FAI), unimpressed by reports that the club is planning to move from Selhurst Park to Dublin, called on the Football Association and the FA Premier League, the Premiership's governing body, to support their objection.

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, is to hold a series of regional get-togethers with the country's leading managers. at which he will outline his

By ROBERT SHEEHAN

BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

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ideas on the way forward for clubs and country. John Barnwell, chief executive of the League Managers' Association, said: "We want to discuss how the managers can help Glenn develop the England seam and help with his

Arsenal's Uefa Cup first round, second leg match against Borussia Monchengladbach. of Germany, has been put back a day to January 25, with a 4.30pm (BST) kick-off. It has also been switched to Cologne because the Mönchengladbach stadium did not have enough seating to satisfy the rules of Uefa, the sport's European

governing body.

Manchester United may begin a demanding eight days at Derby tonight without Eric Cantona, their captain and inspiration. Cantona is still being troubled by the muscle injury in his buttock that he first felt against Wimbledon at the start of the season.

"He's had a good rest and was in having treatment last week, so we'll have to see how he feels in the morning." Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said yesterday. With the Frenchman suspended for United's opening European Cup Champions' League match against Juventus in Turin next week, United will be eager to play him tonight and in Saturday's visit to Leeds United after dropping four points to Everton and Blackburn Rovers. Paul Scholes would be the likely deputy.

Tests are coming thick and fast for Newcastle United, but the Tynesiders go into their derby with Sunderland, the last league meeting between the two clubs at Roker Park, breathing defiance. "We must not get paranoid," Alan Shearer, the Newcastle striker, insisted. "We've only played three games and we're only two points behind Manchester United."

While the meeting of Sunderland and Newcastle commands the attention, the third North Eastern club was unhappy at the departure of Jamie Pollock for Osasuna, which deprives them of a fee. "I don't see it as a great career move going to a Spanish second division club," Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, said tartly.

**♦** HEEHAN on BRIDGE



Kanu, right, celebrates Olympic gold with Amokachi, the former Everton forward. Photograph: Jim Bourg

### Cruel end to Kanu's golden summer

Pleat revives Wednesday's fortunes

er, admitted that even some of much hungrier, more resilient

By Rob Hughes FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOR Nwankwo Kanu, one of the finest young footballers in the world, a golden summer has disintegrated. Just a month after Kanu captained Nigeria to Olympic gold, and million transfer from Ajax Amsterdam to Internazionale, of Milan, he has been told he has a heart condition that prevents him playing football professionally again.

Kanu was 20 on August 1. He had already won a Euro-pean Cup winner's medal with Ajax, he had scored two goals inside five minutes to defeat Brazil in the semi-finals of the Olympics, and two of the wealthiest clubs in Europe

By Peter Ball

MONDAY night football has

not been universally popular,

on or off the screen, but

Sheffield Wednesday's 2-1 de-

feat of Leicester City on Mon-day night, which took

Wednesday five points clear

at the top of the FA Carling

Premiership before tonight's

games, should convert some

of the doubters, in Sheffield as

Television matches on

Mondays have been a mixed

bag, with some uninspiring football. With only 17,000

inside Hillsborough and Leicester as opposition, David

Pleat, the Wednesday manag-

well as in the armchairs.

before Inter secured his signa-ture and the right to pay him £500,000 per season for the next three years. Plucked out of Africa by Ajax when aged just 17, he is a tall, leggy athlete. He runs with his head high, peering here and there like a gazelle sensing danger in the field. A series of simple tests have

revealed, however, an abnormality in the left ventricle of his heart. An operation will be needed to replace a valve. "It is unfortunate that we have to be so pityless towards a player of world class," Piero Volpi, the Inter team doctor, said. "But the cardiac specialists are categoric. We have to think of the man before we think of the player."

The pursuit of Kanu by

his team found it difficult to

Yet despite any such

doubts, Wednesday and

Leicester produced some ex-

cellent football and Wednes-

day opened up a gap at the top

that ensures that they will be

leaders on Saturday whatever

happens to Chelsea, the sec-

ond club, at Arsenal tonight.

Chelsea, it should be noted,

Hillsborough on Saturday.

are the visitors at

In the long term, Wednes-day are unlikely candidates for the championship, but

there is little doubt that the

changes Pleat made in the

summer have made them a

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☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess

the Weekend section on Saturday.

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get motivated.

February until July they tus-sled with Ajax and yesterday. with Kanu in protective hiding, they indicated that their priorities were, first, the destiny of the broken player, and, second, legal retribution against Ajax.

Professor Bruno Caru, one of the heart specialists advising Inter, said: "I categorically exclude any idea that Kanu could have been healthy three months ago. He has been ill for years."

The condition is not lifethreatening but he clearly has no future as a player and would pass no insurance examination. Massimo Mortatti, the oil magnate who owns Inter, said his club would take care of Kanu, possibly with an off-field role. But, with Ajax insisting that

team than in times past.

The new players - Collins,

and the stunningly gifted

teenager, Ritchie Humphreys

- have added an extra det-

ermination. On Monday

night. Leicester looked the

better side in the first half and

against Wednesday in past

years, that would almost cer-

tainly have meant that

Leicester won - but this

Sheffield team kept going and

finally took control, thanks to

a sensational goal from Hum-

phreys. his third in four

games, and another from

"We're quite resilient at the

Booth.

Booth, the ebullient Blinker first half, but it was a hard

his physical condition was, as far as they knew, without suspicion, the ramifications call into question the Amsterdam club's renowned tho-

They claimed they had offered Kanu terms until the year 2001 to try to keep him but cardiac experts in Milan said any simple test would have shown his perilous state. So young, so gifted and so vulnerable ... and one wonders about the whole concept of football transfers in which millions are spent without commensurate medical back-

Kanu, before his lawyer and

agent spirited him away, was the forlorn voice of lost sporting opportunity. "I knew nothing, nobody told me," he said. "What am I to do now?"

We've played with more

composure than we did in the

game." Chelsea will pose a

greater test, but with 30,000

expected, the atmosphere

However, although Claridge's first goal in the

Premiership was one to re-

member and the midfield has

real quality. Leicester look

lightweight, with a defence

that seems short of the neces-

sary soundness. They may find, like Bolton Wanderers

and Manchester City last season, that neat football is no

guarantee of Premiership

should be compelling.

#### IN BRIEF De Silva propels Sri Lanka

ARAVINDA DE SILVA hit a brilliant unbeaten century, his sixth in one-day cricket, to steer Sri Lanka to a comfortable six-wicket win over Zimbabwe in the Singer world series tournament in Colombo

into final

The win ensured that the World Cup champions fin-ished top of the league standings in the four-nation limitedovers tournament with a maximum six points from three wins and qualified for the final on Saturday when they will meet either Australia or India. Chasing Zimbabwe's total of 227 for five from 50 overs. Sri Lanka were in difficulties at 129 for four but De Silva guided his side to victory with three overs to

#### Tea warning

Athletics: The German athletics federation (DLV) is to warn competitors to stop drinking tea and coffee during competi-tions to avoid the risk of being banned for doping. After studying the case of a minor athlete who failed a drug test for the stimulant caffeine after drinking just two cups of coffee, the DLV said yesterday that it had revised its recommendations on refreshments. "No tea or coffee should be drunk at all from before the start of a competition to the time when an athlete provides urine for a doping sample," the DLV said in a statement

#### Double blow

American football: The Chicago Bears crushed the Dallas Cowboys, the defending Super Bowl champions, 22-6 on Monday. A bad night for Dallas was completed when Emmitt Smith, the leading running back, was carried off with a neck injury with three minutes remaining.

#### Male leads

Real tennis: James Male, the world rackets champion, and his fellow-Radleian, Julian Snow, the world's leading amateur, won their opening match of the Cos d'Estourne European Open doubles championship 6-2, 6-1, after a sparkling performance against Peter Brake, the Queen's Club professional, and Norwood Cripps, the Eton professional.

#### Breezing home

Sailing: Assuage, of Britain, made the best of the light and shifty breezes to finish fourteenth in the Rolex Swan World Cup, in Sardinia, yesterday, moving into second place in the overall standings.

rowing race in the world"

Topolski said of the Dutch-

man's appointment: "I am

really thrilled. It will lift our

game." On the extra emphasis

on rowing development at Oxford, something seen clear-

ly at Cambridge in recent years under Robin Williams.

their coach, Topolski said

yesterday: "We have had a big

### Platt using time on sidelines to plan for the future

By Russell Kempson

THREE months ago, David Platt was contemplating leading England into Euro 96. He started only two matches. Three weeks ago, he was expecting to play a vigorous role in Arsenal's FA Carling Premiership campaign. He has yet to appear. Times are changing, the future less clear, for the elegant, articulate midfield player.

Forced out of action by a troublesome knee injury, it is an awkward period of reassessment for Platt, as the uncertainty at Highbury rum-Rioch's sudden departure and Arsène Wenger's protracted arrival. Yet, always the realist, he is already confronting the inevitability of the next stage of an illustrious career.

"You get to a point when you realise the youngsters are coming through more and more," Platt. 30, said. 'Careers come to an end, at dub and international level, and you have to move on. I've got an eye on management, perhaps as a player-manager, but there's still plenty of time left for that."

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Platt's tenancy as captain of England ended shortly before the European championship finals, when Tony Adams, his Arsenal team-mate, was handed the armband by Terry Venables, then coach. It has since been passed on to Alan Shearer by Glenn Hoddle, Venables's successor.

"It is not a problem, I don't see it like that," Platt said. I've spoken to Glenn and he told me that, once I'm fit again, I'm still very much part of his plans. That's good enough for me.'

It is unlikely that Platt's



appearance Germany, in the Euro 96 semi-final defeat at Wembley in June, heralded his 62nd and final cap, or that he will not add to his 27 goals, which have secured him a top-ten place among England's alltime goalscorers.

Hoddle still needs tried and trusted performers alongside young bucks like David Beckham, if England are to steer a safe passage to the 1998 World Cup finals in France. It says much for Platt's foresight, though, that he has at least recognised that age and time are no longer favourable factors in his continued selection, either at club or international level

Injuries have also hampered his progress, too regularly for comfort but, after a essful 45-minute run-out in John Lukic's testimonial match at the weekend, he could return, probably as a substitute, in Arsenal's game against Chelsea at Highbury

Platt has adapted to many career changes. After rejection as an apprentice at Manchester United, he resurrected his fortunes with Crewe Alexandra and then Aston Villa, Bari, Juventus and Sampdoria. When he joined Arsenal for £4.75 million last year, it took his combined transfer fees to £22.15 million — a world record.

"What next?" is a question he has addressed with increasing diligence, and he has kept a notebook of relevant tips he has picked up over the past two years. "It's just a few things I've learnt from various people," Platt said. Almost certainly, for reference in the not-too-distant future.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 3 Southampton 3.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Sheffield Oxford Utd 4 Gueens Park Rangers ©:
Tottenhem 2 Bristol City 1.
Tottenhem 2 Brazilian LEAGUE: Parana 0 Confinhams 1.
Guerani 3 Fluminerse 1: Contito 1
Sentos 3, Vasco 1 Grenio 1, Ramengo 1
Altetico-PR 0; Cruzerro 2 Juvantude 1;
Vitoria 2 Altetico-MG 1; Internacional 1
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**ROWING** 

# Oxford turn to Dutch coach

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT play a part in the most famous

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

By RAYMOND KEENE

bone-crushing intervention from

his queen on move 27. This queen

swoop transposed into an endgame and effectively ter-

Nimzo-Indian Defence

b6 h6

Bxc3+

8b7

Qe7

minated Black's resistance.

White: Jonathan Parker

Noningham, August 1996

Black: Chris Ward

Nt3

9 bxc3

10 Nd2

11 hxq3

14 Qa4

British Championship

contract. (Not that I would Champion's loss respond 2 NT on that hand -Chris Ward, who won the British either 1 NT, almost forcing at Championship last month in Not-tingham, suffered just one defeat

The next argument was whether East should have passed Three Clubs. He claimed West might have had a weak 5-5. There's something in that, and I don't think you can say categorically that it was wrong for East not to give preference to Three Hearts.

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Six Clubs would be a good

Finally, West said East should have responded One Spade. East made the point mentioned at the beginning of the article, that at the score he didn't want to bid a poorish four-card major in case he was raised with three-card support.

to Two Spades and so be no Spade is that it does not bypass Two Hearts, which

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

Three Clubs. After all, if his WORD-WATCHING

#### By Philip Howard

**B**AUCHLE a. To scupper b. A shoe c To chain up

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partner had:

VEERY 3. A bird b. Truthful c. Unsteady WAPITI a. Exclamation of sympathy b. A stag

the score, or Two Clubs is

in the course of scoring nine from Il possible in the tournament. His loss came against the runner-up, international master Jonathan Parker, who also went on to be awarded the British Under-21 Championship title.

In the game, Parker chose a complicated opening variation in which both sides castle on opposite wings. In a tense situation. Parker resolved matters in his favour by a

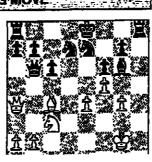
Do you see the flaw in that argument? If he is nervous, he can always bid 2 NT if raised worse off. And the great advantage of responding One will often be the best conversion spot.

section on Saturday.

#### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Bromberger -Grund, Bodense 1996. White has tried to conduct the game aggressively but, in doing so, has left his king bereft of shelter. How did Black now exploit the gaps in the white



OXFORD, with the unenvi-A former Holland interna-

able record of four successive Boat Race defeats behind them, have taken on an extra coach to try to end Cambridge's supremacy. Rene Mijnders, 40, who has been head coach to the Dutch national squad for the past ten years, will play a leading role in the Oxford coaching team Mijnders, who has restruc-

tured the sport in Holland, put together a Dutch eight after Barcelona, that won silver medals in the 1994 and 1995 world championships and took the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

tional at both lightweight and heavyweight. Mijnders will take responsibility for the top Oxford personnel on a sixmonth contract. Dan Topolski and Penny Chuter, with a year of their three-year contracts to run, remain in the fold. Topolski, with his depth of

Boat Race experience, will hold a consultative role while Chuter takes over responsibility for rowing development at Oxford across the board, lightweight and women included. Mijnders, who has given up

gap in bringing people on. We want to fill that gulf." Chuter, also welcomed the arrival of Mijnders. "Having just won the Olympic blue riband event, he must be looked at as

his Dutch post and will live in

the best coach in the world -Oxford, said he was happy "to and he is fresh," she said.

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-oil 7.30 unless stated FOOTBALL

Arsenal v Chelsea (7.45) Blackburn v Leeds (7.45) Coventry v Livarpool (7.45)

Derby v Manchester Utd (7.45)

Everion v Aston Villa (7.45)

Middlesbrough v West Ham (7.45)

Southampton v Nottingham Forest

Sunderland v Newcastle (7.45)

Wimbledon v Totjenham (7.45)

Coce-Cola Cup First round, second leg Scottish Coca-Cola Cup Third round

Alioa v Celtic
(at Firhiti Stadium)

Dunlermine v St Mirren

Rangera v Ayr (7.45)

FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Peterlee Newton v St Holens; Conset v Almeck, Farsley Celtz v Harfield Man; Gueborough v Louth, Blöworth MW v Harworth Cl; Rossington Man v Kimbarley; Paget R v Bedworth; Raunds T v Wilvenhoe: Flactwell Heath v Edgware. Fareham v Wilvenhoeth Workingham.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Newport AFC v Gloucester (7.45) Middland
division: Cothy v VS Rugby; Solihull Boro v
Rothwell. Southern division: Havani v St Homest Southern Overent Person V S. Leonards, Yate v Witney. AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Cartiff v Nowach (3.0): Chariton V

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Afreton v Buston, Bishop Auckland v Blyth Spartans, Winstord v Knowsley First division: Bradford Pk Ave v Harrogate PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier

PONTINS, CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Botton v Oldham (70) Postponed: Manchester Utd v Leeds Second division: Burntey v Manchester City (7,15). Hull v Baedtord (7,0), Mansheld v Carliele (7,0); Rotherham v Wredham (7,0); Stockport v Ghrneby (6,45).

LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Liansantificad; Carmarther Town v Ton Pentre, Cernaes Bay v Portmadog, Coney v Conneyh's Quey; Cwmbran v Bairy.

ULSTER CUP: Semi-final: Citionwile v Crusaders (at Oval, Glentoran FC).

SCHEWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE: First di-

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: First di-vision: Creditor v Clyst. UHLISPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEA-GUE: First division: Deventry v Bilswo Ramsey v Huntingdon; Yavley Cottingham. Coorgram.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Norman Mauthews
Floodlight Cup: First round, first leg:
Kintbury v Warninge.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN
LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington Terriers
v Stockton: Durham v Whitby, Whitekham v
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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Citheroe v Glossop North End; Postponed: St Helens v Newcastle Town. Postponed: SI. Helens v Newcasile Town. ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Bowers v Burnham Ramblers FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary round: Stratord: T v Hinckley Athletic; Newport Pagnel v Gornal A. Bognor Regis v Eastbourne: Town: Oxford: City v Waterloovilla. Extra preliminary round replays: Willenhall v Stalybridge Celtor; Herne Bay v Thamasmead. NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Etingshell Hz v Wokerhampton C. JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First di-CRICKET Britannic Assurance

10 30, second day of four, 110 overs minerium SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v TRENT SRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v

Leicestershe'e TAUNTON: Somerset v Derbyshire THE OVAL: Surrey v Northemptonshire EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Essex WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Sussex

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three)\* Derby: Derbyshre v Surrey. Chelmstord: Essex v Wordestershre. Undige (RAF Vina Lane): Modelesex v Somersat. (second day of three): Northamptorn-Korthamptor

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OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: Germen Open final qualifying [at Norbreck Castle, Blackpool).

Yesterday's result Monday's late results

Wednesday 2 Lescenter 1.

VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Hednestord 3
Northwich 0; Kudderminster 1 Stalybridge 1:
Slevenage 2 Welling 1
UNIBONID LEAGUE: Premier division:
Emiley 2 Hyde 4
DR MARTIENS LEAGUE: Premier division:
Worcester 2 Burton 1.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 0 West Ham 0,
Oxford Utd 4 Queens Park Rangers 0:
Totterham 2 Bristol City 1.

#### SPORT/RADIO

# Doomed to suffer an outrageous fortune

y father recalls watching a production of *Hamlet* during which, as Gertrude picked up the cup and said "the queen carouses to thy fortune, Hamlet," a member of the audience, caught up utterly in the state of Denmark, called desperately: "Don't drink it!"

I often feel like that myself, not as I watch tragedies in theatres, but as I walk through the various tragi-comedies of the sporting round. Again and again, I see the faces

The poison

has entered

Hill's soul'

bright with the excitement of the contest to come as they reach for the cup to carouse to fortune and it seems that everyone save the drinker knows what will happen. "No, no, the drink, the drink! Oh my dear Hamlet! The drink, the

drink! I am poisoned!" I remember when I watched Damon Hill pick up the poisoned chalice of Formula One six years ago with an eager smile on his face. A driver, son of a famous father, called, not from the back of the grid but from still further away, from the testing track, to step into the cockpit of the fastest car in motor racing. They may make and richer man, such is the fate of

you a world champion. I thought to myself at the time. But they will make you a lot of other things as well.

I claim no special prescience for this, any more than you need brilliant awareness to see that things will go rather wrong by Act V of Hamlet. But I remember it with a special vividness, because Hill seems so unlike a Formula One driver. I mean he seemed, not so much like one of the usual praised run of drivers that strut and fret their stuff around the race tracks of the world, as

like - well, a real person. One who has lived in the real world. A human being. But neither Hill's employers, Williams, nor any other body in

motor racing is much interested in human beings. And Frank Williams, boss of the Williams team, has a fine track record of fallings-out. He has got rid of Piquet. Prost and Mansell in his time. It is hardly likely that he would feel squeamish about Hill, even if Hill has the world championship in his

Hill will leave Williams a sadder

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

most people who drive for the team. Hill has known glory: he has also tasted fury, frustration and despair. The poison has entered his soul. And you can say any manner of hard and, indeed, justified things about Williams and his team. But no one forced Hill to lift the chalice to his lips. The same is true of Raymond

Illingworth. He once turned down the job of managing the England

cricket team because it didn't give him enough power. But later he got "the supremo job" on more or less his own terms. He did not so much pick up the poisoned chalice as pour his own drink, mix it, shake it and stir it

As with all these cases, one is fairly confident right from the start that things will go badly wrong. The only real question is the form it will take. Sport - I think every country thinks it is a peculiarity of its own specialises in the exal-

tation of people to ridiculous heights and then in dashing them back down to earth. Thus, Illingworth was brought low not

by hidden enemies

though they have done their best) but by his own intransigence. It is all very well watching the England cricket team as if you had a bad smell under your nose, but it does not really fit the man who is supposed to be in charge of the team. Illingworth's season has been the longest sulk since Achilles. But we could all see it coming.

And, of course, we can see it coming towards Glenn Hoddle, the man brave enough to take on the job of England football coach when others ran a mile waving crucifixes and garlic.

The sniping against Hoddle has already started. The former coach, Terry Venables, has led the way. (Just what precisely are his qualifications for writing about competitive international away games, I should like to

Perhaps only the England cricket captaincy bears a poison more potent

'He will leave

a sadder and

than the job of running the national foot-ball team. There is no antidote, not even success. Bobby Robson, the most successful incumbent of recent years, aged at three

richer man' times the normal rate while he held the position; the most successful manager ever - Sir Alf

Ramsey — got the sack

But Hoddle picks up the challenge
without a backward glance, knocks it
back and smacks his lips with every appearance of relish. He will not be looking so carefree in two years. All the same, I hope against hope that the potent poison will not oe'r-crow his spirit. Not for a while, anyway.

RADIO CHOICE

### Both shaken \* and stirred

Simple Gifts. Radio 2, 8\_30pm.

Not even Loyd Grossman's mangled vowels (hoi for high, bordie for body, porsable for possible, etc) can lessen the appeal of his history of the Shakers. When this religious sect was founded in the 18th century, it had 6,000 adherents. Now they are down to eight. They are making their last stand in Maine, New England, and the three Cs still govern their lives, celibacy, confession and community life. Grossman's two part series about the Shakers — so called because, when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, they shook as they sang — employs some of the stirring songs that are part of their heritage. They use no instruments, only their voices. Polyphony is rare. The songs grew on me, especially those sung by the Sabbath Day Leg Shakers.

Carson McCullers: Love Me. Radio 3, 10.45pm.

Noah Richler's life of the American writer, unobtrusively fronted by Russell Davies, is the best kind of radio literary biography. All the criteria are imaginatively in place: verifiable and apocryphal anecdotes, informed judgment, and examples of her highly individual writing. McCullers excelled in portraying lonely people and misfits. She called one of her novels The Heart is a Lonely Hunter. It could easily have been the title of her unfinished autobiography. Love Me is a valuable scene-setter for a Radio 4 adaptation of McCullers's The Member of the Wedding to be broadcast on November 11. broadcast on November 11.

RADIO 1 FM Stereo. 6.30am Dave Pearce 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa l'Anson 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Alan Parker (r) 10.00 Mark Laman 12.00 Claire

Sturgess 4.00em Clive Warren RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 7.30 Walee Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 10,00 Pick of the Hils 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 Paul Helney 7.00 Jim Lloyd 8.00 The Hidden Tradilion (3/4) 8.20 Simple Gilts See Choice (1/2) 9.00 Isles Ne'er Forgotten, Ivan Drever visits his native Orloney Islands 9.20 Nigel Opden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 David Alan

5.90am Morning Reports, incl 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breaklast
Programme 8.35 The Magazine, with
Diana Madill, incl 10.35 News from
Europe 12.00 Midday with Meir, Incl
12.35pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on
Five, incl 3.05 Ruscoe Returns and at
3.45 Entertainment News 4.00 Nationwide, incl at 5.45 Entertainment News
7.00 News Edita, Incl at 7.20 Sports
Bulletin 7.35 Trevor Brooking's Football
Night. Coverage of tonight's matches
incl Derby County v Manchester United
10.05 News Talk. A special edition,
tocusing on citizenship, with Paul Rowley 11.00 Night Extra, with Valerie
Sanderson 12.05am After Hours, with
Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Resourn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 5.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Sports Zone 10.00 James Whale

All times in BST. News on the hour 5,30em Europe Today 6,30 Europe Today 7,15 The World Today 7,30 Meganix 8,15 Off the Shelf 8,30 Discovery 9,15 Concert Hall 10,05 World Business Report 10,15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10,45 Spons Reports 11,30 RPC Foreign 14,55 Off Karshaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Off the Shelf 12.30pm Turty-Minute Drama 1.30 Composer of the Month 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megarina 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Science View 6.30 News in German 7.30 Discovery 9.01 Outlook 9.25 World of Earth 9.30 Methics 5.

WORLD SERVICE

Press 10.05 World Business 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 Mendian (On Screen) 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.10em Science View 12.15 Country Style 12.30 Multitrack: X Press 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words in Faith 3.30 Meridian 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4,00am Mark Gritfiths 6.00 Mike Read 4,000 m Mark Crittins 6.00 mine Head 9,00 Henry Kelly 12,00 Susamah Smons 2,00pm Lunchtime Concerto Delus (Cello Concerto) 3,00 Jamie Crick 6,00 Classic Newsnight, with Jane Markham 6,30 Sonata. Beethoven (Plano Sonata No 30) 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8,00 Evening Concert Smetan Prague Complete Militarud file Rosette: (Prague Carrival), Milhaud (Le Boeut sur let Toit), Smelans (Vitaval; Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Milhaud (Symphony No 10) 10.00 Michael Mappin, incl at 11.35 Noctume 1.00am Mei Cooper

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7,00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10,00 Mark Forrest 2,00am Jeremy Clark

6.00am On Air. Presented by Andrew McGregor. Includes Bach (Trio Sonata In D minor, BW\527): Dvoták (Romance in F minor, Op 11); Faure Obligan et Millingreta).

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Saint-Saëris (Le Rouet
d'Omphale); Beethoven
(Romanca No 2 in F. Op 50);
Fleid (Noctumes in A, Nos 17
and 18); Janacek (String
Quartet No 2, Intimate Letters)
Musical Encounters.

Presented by Chris de Souza. Includes Liszt (Cantzonetta del Salvator Rose; Petrarch Sonnets No 47 and 104, Années de Palennage); Beethoven (Bundeslied); Reich (Variations for winds strings and keyboards); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in F mlnor, Op 57, Appassionata); Nlelsan (Violin Concerto);

Nielsan (Violin Concerto);
Beethoven (Andante favori)
12.00 Composer of the Week:
Fella, Gerthard and the
Heritage of Spain
1.00pm Manchester Summer
Recitate. Highlights from last
May's Manchester May's Manche Introduced by Flodiney Stationd, Patrick and Thoarns Demenga, cello Barriere (Sonata No 10 in G for two cellos); Ginastera (Punena No 2, Op 45); Beamish (Duel for two cellos); Ellioti Carter 2.00 Midweek Choice. includes Ziehror (Nachtschwalbe, Polika Française), Verdi (The Willow Song, Otello); Onslow (String Outriet, Op 78 No 1); Hawin (Sanchus: Reperietus

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Theresa Mass)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live Irom
SI Pau's Cathedra in London
5.00 The Music Mechine, with
Tommy Pearson

5.15 In Tune, with Andrew Green In tune, with Antorew Green Includes Nielsen (Cockerel's Dance, Maskarade), Charles Wood (Hail, Gladdening Light); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E flat, Op 27 No 1); Climble Manual of Cocket Parade of Clouds, Op 27 No

7.30 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Half in London. Joaquin Achucarro, piano, Jill Gomez, soprano, BBC Gomez, soprano, Bist.
Philhamonic, under Yan
Pascal Tortelier Ravel
(Rapsodie Espagnole); Falla
(Nights in the Gardens of
Spain) 8.15 Who Was Felipo
Padrell? 8.35 Proms Part 2. Gerhard (Cancionero de Pedrell); Falla (The Three-Cornered Har Suites Nos 1 and 2)

10.00 Voices. Catherne Bot. 10.00 Voices. Catherine Bot, soprano, Melvyn Tan, fortepiano. Includes Haydin (Cantate Arianna a Naxos). Ruckweg (Vom Mitteden Maria); Britlen (Canticle I: My Beloved is Mine)

10.45 Carson McCullers: Love Me. See Choice

11.30 Composer of the Week: Brahms (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with David Cornel

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Deep Season: Orchestra Under the Waves

three explorers who reflect on their travers and wildfile encounters (4/4)

8.30 True Love — At Last, Scientific Prooff Sue Nelson discovers what science Can left up best extensive.

lefi us about attraction, firting, lust, aphrodistacs, love and kwing happily ever after (t) 0 Companion to the Cosmos. John Gribbin explores theories about how galaxies.

stars, planets and people came into being 9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59

Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

Isabel Hilton 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enigma

The percussionist Evelyn
Glennie introduces a musical
compilation of natural sounds
from the ocean
Tales from the Wildside.
Fergus Keeling is joined by

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News

5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6,00
News Briefing 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25
Sport 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 Family Life — Birth,
Death and the Whole Darrin
Thing (3/5) 8.58 Wealther
9.00 News 9.05 Michweek, With
Times columnist Libby Purves

on Rossim's Dat Tuo Stellato for two cellos)

Times columnist Libby Purves and guests 10.00 News: The Street (FM): St Ann's Hill, Wandswor London (6/6)

10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour 11.30 Gardeners' Question

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, from Dubin (r)
12.00 News; You And Yours, with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Massia FM. A drama series, by Meera Syal, set in East London's premier Asian community radio station With Meera Syal, Nina Wadia, Nitin Sawhany and Sanjeev Bhaskar (1/6): Weather
1.00 The World At One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Service. Samantha Bond stars in Julia Stoneham's stars in Julia Stoneham's drama set around a Devon hostel for Land Army girls during the Second World War 12/24 In

(2/3) (r) 2.45 From Their Own Correspondent (5/6) (r)
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kateldoscope.
Tim Marlow roads a new
blography of Orson Welles
and reviews the latest cinema

releases
4.45 Short Story: Lottle's Little
Habit, by Dorothy Schwarz

(M/2)
11.00 My Life as a Car. Phil
Daniels stars in a comedy by
Mark Wallington (3/6)
11.30 BBC New Comedy Awards.
The comedian Fred MacAuley The comedian Fred MacAuley takes a peep behind the scenes at the grand final of the first annual search for new cornedy takent at the Edinburgh Fringe 12.00 News incl 12.27am Weather 12.30 Late Story: Some Kind of Black. Akim Mogaj reads Diran Adebayo's novel (3:10) 12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6. LW 198: MW 720. RADIO 5. LIVE. MW 623. 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO UK. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Peter Dear, Ian Hughes, Rosemary Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamara.

RUGBY UNION: CLUBS RELY ON PLAYER POWER TO STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND IN DISPUTE WITH RFU

# Cotton desperate to placate all parties in dispute

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

THE gloves are off with a vengeance in the tortuous dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and England's leading clubs. The clubs now threaten a withdrawal of labour from international squad preparations: the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) has, in effect, said to its players that it is time to stand up and be counted

On the one hand, the members state categorically that they do not seek to deny players international opportunities — and all the commercial opportunities that go with England status - yet, on the other, they clearly seek playing support in their political

dispute with the RFU. The players know all too

AT A time when the Scottish

Rugby Union (SRU) has its

hands full dealing with home-

based player unrest over em-

ployment contracts - with

some senior members yester-

day rumoured to be pushing

for a doubling of the interna-

tional match fee to £3,000 - a

second front has opened up in

At a meeting yesterday in

Birmingham, the Scotland internationals based in the

Courage league unanimously

rejected, as "an insult and

derisory", the offers that they

have received from the SRU.

Twelve players with English

clubs have been offered deals

worth a basic £5,000 a year.

whereas international col-

leagues in Scotland are con-

sidering retainers of between

The SRU argues that the

values of the players' club

contracts in England more

than compensate for the

shortfall and the offer has

been pitched low to encourage

However, the exiles counter

that this is untrue and unreal-

istic. and want their income

from the SRU increased to a

minimum £15.000 a year.

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reject 'derisory' offer

By MARK SOUSTER

anything from £50,000 to require an extraordinary £100,000 from international meeting before the Ortober rugby, on top of their club salaries, yet that is not the only consideration. In all their dealings, the players' leaders have stressed that they represent not only those with international aspirations but also the "club professionals", who are unlikely ever to play for England but who may still hope to

earn a living from sport. Ironically, Leicester, whose chief executive, Peter Wheeler, stands high in Epruc councils, are one of only three firstdivision clubs whose members may yet have a say in whether to accept Epruc's recommendation for a breakaway from the RFU. They remain a member-led club, as opposed

to one that has been taken over

or from extra payments for

squad and training sessions

before international matches.

originally had been offered

only match fees of up to £1,500

plus win bonuses by the SRU.

but no basic payment, attend-

ed the two-hour meeting yes-

terday, among them Gregor

Townsend, Eric Peters and

Damian Cronin. They will appoint a representative to

One player said yesterday:

Everyone is having to fight

from the inter-district champ-

ionship, there is a feeling that

they should be granted spe-

cial consideration to make it

attractive for the next genera-

tion of Scotland-qualified

players. To that end, a tour is

planned to Spain and Portu-

gal at the end of November.

negotiate with the SRU.

Seven of the exiles, who

Similarly, Gloucester have agreed with Westbury Homes a six-figure deal over the next three years, but are a reminder that the too clubs are on far from solid ground. Earlier this year, they parted company with Mike Coley, their chief executive, and vesterday he was joined in the sporting **English-based Scots** wilderness by Brian Wilkin-

Wilkinson had played a leading role in Epruc's subcommittees, but his club, which refused to comment on the reasons for his departure, may have felt that he committed too much time to English clubs in general and not enough to Sale. His role will be occupied by Richard

must make good its threat. Were Leicester, for example,

able to announce a sponsor-

Cotton Traders worth more

down the league.

four years.

Trickey, the president. Another northerner, Fran Cotton, was at Leicester yesterday with Wheeler, his old front-row colleague, for the announcement of the Next sponsorship, but Cotton has differing views. "There are two issues here," Cotton, the composition of whose British Isles team in South Africa next year is threatened by the dispute, said. The RFU has to accept the need to restructure and change to cope with a new era and the clubs need to come

"Will Carling didn't become a sporting hero by playing at the Stoop Memorial Ground but by playing at Twicken-ham. The union offers the players the profile they need playing for England at Twickenham. The players are in the middle; all they want to do is play for their club and their country."

Epruc believes that it can put in place its own playing structures if it has to — though it would prefer a "friendly"



Giselle Pragnell, of Wasps and England, at Twickenham yesterday after the launch of the Bread for Life National Cup for women's rugby union

Va'aiga Tuigamala, the for-

mer New Zealand rugby

union wing and rugby league

player at Wigan, has been

their own corner at the mo-ment. We are sticking together as a point of principle. Hopefully, something better will be forthcoming because to terms with the fact that they what has been offered is an are over-valuing their proinsult and derisory." The English-based players would appear to have a strong case, given the public good-will that exists for Scottish Exiles as a representative body. After their exclusion

independence with the RFU. If, however, the rift proved acrimonious, clubs would continue to play scheduled league matches and create their own knockout and European competitions, though they may wait with some anxiety for news of the meeting tonight between the senior Welsh clubs and the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), who have also to discuss the impending Welsh breakaway announced

### Farrell's honour ends drought for Wigan

IT HAS been quite a summer for Andrew Farrell, if not for Wigan, his club (Christopher Irvine writes). He led England to the European championship, he will become the youngest Great Britain cap-tain when he leads the side on the forthcoming tour to the southern hemisphere, and last night, in Manchester, he re-ceived the game's highest indi-vidual honour, the Stones

man of steel award. Farrell, 21, is the seventh Wigan player since 1980 to receive the award: he is also the youngest. His individual displays at loose forward in a difficult season for Wigan have been consistently outstanding. Last year, and in 1994, he was the young player

of the year. That award went to Keiron Cunningham, 19, in recognition of his contribution, at hooker, to St Helens's double-winning season. Shaun McRae, of St Helens,

was named as coach of the year and Robbie Paul, the inspirational young captain of Bradford Bulls, the players' choice as Super League player of the year.

□ London Broncos have con-

being considered for next

granted a work permit by the Department for Education and Employment and is free to make his debut for Wasps against Bath at the Recreation Ground a week on Saturday.

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The Rugby Football Union

for Women, meanwhile, has

negotiated its most substantial

sponsorship ever — £100,000

over three years for what will

be known as the Bread for Life

National Cup - money which

will go to the competing clubs.

That is exactly what the men

are seeking.

(a) A North American thrush. (Turdus Fuscescens.) Also known as Tawny and 'Wilson's Thrush'." Its origin is thought to have been imitative. Whittier, 'My Playmate', "There in Spring the veeries sing / The song of long ago."

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firmed that they will be leaving The Valley, the home of Charlton Athletic Football Club, for economic reasons, The Athletic Ground, Richmond, where Richmond and London Scottish play rugby union, is among the venues

### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

#### BAUCHLE (b) An old shoe worn as a slipper, or worn down to the heel, which causes the wearer to shamble. The word is possibly derived from 'bauch', meaning poor or shaky. W. Taylor, 'Scottish Poems', 'Thro' my auld bachle peep'd my muckle tae." A bauchle is also, therefore, a shambler or a ne'er-do-well.

(a) Or 'alfin'. The bishop in chess. (Arabic alfil, meaning elephant) The piece previously went under name and shape of 'the elephant' when the game was played by the Chinese, Indians and Persians.

WAPITI (b) The North American stag or elk, Cervus Canadensis, (Shawnee wuhpetee literally, white deer) which is allied to, though larger than the European Red Deer Iona Bower (title), Wapiti running on the plains'.

1 ... Rh2+! 2 Kxh2 Qf2+ 3 Kh1 0-0-0 and White will be unable to prevent mate along the h-file, e.g. 4 Bh6 Rh8! 5 g5 fxg5 etc.

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# Forces favourites, football fans and families

West in 150

T n popular drama, the music is out of control, slither, slither, sometimes such a giveaway that a person paid to watch and listen (ie. me) will write down 'Accident" or "Tragic irony, falls off bridge?" a full minute before the real incident occurs. I know now how the White Queen in Alice Through the Looking Glass felt. crying before the event and then quite recovered in time for the real calamity. Last night, in the first new Soldier. Soldier (ITV). nighttime tank manoeuvres in sheeting rain came a cropper when the tank containing the remaining (very few) characters still of interest slid down a river bank, and overturned

in the drink. Whoops.
"Look out, oh no," said the music beforehand, in case we thought a somersaulting tank came out of the blue a bit. However, nothing seemed to be amiss at the time. Something wrong here, honest, keep watching," it said. And sure enough, hang on, what's this, tank souring strings, "Can't hold it, sir", "What's happening?", tumble, splash, gurgle - and silence.

Well, it still came out of the blue a bit, actually. But you know Soldier. Soldier - nothing like this is ever badly done. The only slight implausibility was that the submerged tank (under a bridge) was later detected from a speeding jeep 20 yards overhead in the pitch dark. "Well spotted," said the CO. I should say so. Meanwhile, inside the tank, the entire male cast was threatened with extinction on their first day back at work.

Whether seeing Lads in Glug-Glug Peril will make the audience embrace these pale imitations of former giants is questionable, but as the river-level rose inside the uplumed armoured coffin, and water lapped the chins, it certainly took your mind off the absence of Jerome Flynn and Robson Green. salving some of that terrible,

terrible pain. I sang I Believe to make up for it, but my voice went shaky. Fans are conservative by nature, and it's a virtuous quality, Fans of Soldier, Soldier will be decent enough to care about the tribulations of Captain Jeremy and his black South African girlfriend (now wife), but whenever the lower ranks are shown, they will resent the attempt to show the double-uct of Joe and and Steve as if they were a patch on - sniff, I can't go on.

hannel 4's War Cries was a lot more sympathetic than I expected. Grandad is a Football Hooligan was about the unfairness of European police in deporting English fans without first establishing that hooliganism was their intent. Adam Thomas had discovered half a dozen cases of genuine fans arrested and illtreated simply for travelling independently to matches abroad. His implication was that the greedy

**REVIEW** 



English football clubs collude with foreign police in creating an illegal monopoly on the transport of fans. If you fancy Barcelona as a place to see the sights, forget it. You must go with the club (which makes a big profit), and be herded in and

Who is really to blame for this state of affairs, however? English football hooligans, of course. Somehow this important fact got slightly buried in last night's programme, but the case was unjustly accused abroad were even more upset to be branded "scum" at home. It's unpleasant to be tarred with that brush.

Manchester United fans ejected from Islanbul returned to find our own Nigella Lawson (in the Evening Standard) cheering the justice of an encounter between hooligans and Turkish police the kid gloves of the Turkish justice system not being its most famous accessory. The idea that any of the deportees were innocent indeed the grandads of the title. with a lifetime's memorabilia collection — occurred to nobody.

The people in this thoughtprovoking programme were justly ingry. They exist in a sympathy loophole. The Government won't stand up for them, consulates look away, dubs disown them, police concur, Controlling hooliganism is more important than seeing to the rights of a few manhandled indiwho decided to make a weekend of

ut if there's one thing worse than being tarred with the D same brush (does anybody tar anything with a brush any more? I'm sure I never have), it's feeling that a parent's love has sufficient tar only for one sibling and not for you. Last night's Picture This: Who Do 1 Love Most? (BBC2) was full of people crying out for their share of the tar, and not getting it. Arguably too packed with different cases, this was a good film by Ellie O'Sullivan, dedicated to her sister. Learning this personal angle only at the end, I found myself desperate to know which was the favour-

ite in the O'Sullivan family,

because it might have explained a

The interesting thing was that children suffered from no illusions. "I'm my Mum's favourite. and Robin is my Dad's," said the academic Jamie (he wears specs and plays the cello). "Oh she takes after Dad," they used to say about little blonde Pat, to the annovance of the older, strapping Marian. Since sibling rivalry is the cause of most hang-ups in later life. I wanted Who Do I Love Most? to be deeper than it was. Too many of these people were allowed to report "We're getting much closer now", which is factitious nonsense. I'm sure of it.

Finally, just a quibble, but ahem, since all the people in this programme were presented in pairs, and since English is still the official language, perhaps Whom Do I Love More? should have been considered as the title. I can't believe I just said that, I shall now duck off on holiday for a week while rocks are thrown.

THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF TH 6.00am Business Breakfast (44966) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (38617) 9,00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

9.20 Style Chailenge (s) (2201159) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1564365) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (60902)

11.00 News and weather (4853297) 11.05 Golden Fiddles (1/2) Depression-era Australian mini-senes with Rachel Friend, kate Nelligan, John Bach (r) (55961636) 12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes (r)

1.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (31704) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45506075) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (32874094) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6512487) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1078365)

3.00 NEW A Week in the Country. A country calendar, introduced by wildlife film-maker Simon King (2742) 3.30 Ants in Your Pants (8369839) 3.50 The Family Ness (4085181) 3.55 Chuckle Vision (8348346) 4.15 Run the Risk (1) (7874655) 4.35 Carloon Critters (Ceefax) (s) (4082742) 5.00 Newsround (Ceelax) (7245758) 5.10 Byker Grove (r)

(2885617) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (746510) 6.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (839) 6.30 Regional news magazines (891)

7.00 Small Talk. Quiz show hosted by Ronnie Corbett. Grown-up contestants guess which of several children know what they are talking about (Ceelax) (s) (4723)

Tomorrow's World. Science magazine Shahnaz Pakravan looks at machines controlled directly by the mind and Howard Stableforth driv the world's longest truck (Ceefax) (si

8.00 Only Fools and Horses: Little Problems. Last in the series. Rodney and Cassandra become engaged, but all is not well in the Trotter household (n)

8.50 Points of View (Ceelax) (s) (491907) 9.00 News. Regional News and weather

9.30 The Thin Blue Line. Fowler faces the stress of student rag week. DI Grimm is in a happy mood as he takes on bank robbers and DC kray fancies a kebab (r) (Ceefax) (s) (46549)

10.00 GED: Return of the Blood-suckers (Ceefax) (s) (873471) 10.35 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam and Trevor Broaking introduce highlights of tonight's Premiership match between Sunderland and Newcastle, from Roker

11.45 FILM: Point Blank. (1967). A compelling but brutal revenge thriller. Lee Marvin plays a man whose wife (with her mobster boylnend) shoots him Alter a daring escape from prison, he sets off to get his revenge, only to see that they cause their Keenan Wynn, Carroll O'Connor, Lloyd Bochner, Michael Strong and John Vernon Directed by John Boorman (614704)

1.15am-1.20 Weather (2784834)

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320/2 6.00am Open University: Maths (2580365) 6.25 Frontiers of Geology (2592100) 6.50 King Cotton's Palace (2299443)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8971094)

7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (r) (9223384) 7.55 Get Your Own Back (2475520) 8.20 Mr Benn (6449487) 8.35 Lassie (r) (284-1094) 9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (60920) 9.30 Brainwaves (6519617) 9.35 Today's Gourmet (1294182) 10.00 Playdays (3047704) 10.25 On the Road Again (3040891) 10.55 A Question of Sport's Golden Oldies (1980365) 11.25 Wisley through the Seasons: Autumn (6090636) 12.15pm Young Man and His Dog (2005520) 1.00 The Perfect Pickle Programme (39346) 1.30 Working Lunch (56926)

2.00 Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams

2.15 FILM: The Rose and the Jackal (1990) with Christopher Reeve and Madolyn Smith Osborne. On the eve of the American Civil War, a public servant falls in love with the woman he has been sent to investigate. Directed by Jack Gold 3.55 News (Ceefax) (4082094)

4.00 Today's the Day (704) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (988) 5.00 The Oprah Winfray Show (9738094) 5.40 Flying

Vets (556907)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation -Code of Honour. (r) (Ceefax) (s) 6.45 Kicking and Screaming: A Very British tion. The history of tootball, both on and off the field, is told through the memones of tans and former players (r)

7.30 Scene: Teaching Matthew. Lester is a high-achieving student teacher whose brother, Matthew, has just falled his mock GCSEs. Lester, determined that Matt will pass his exams, arrives to take charge of his study plan (r) (Ceefax) (s) (617)

8.00 Famborough 96: First Report. Julian lutt and Mark Hanna or the Famborough Air Show, including the debut of the Eurolighter 2000 (1/2) (1013) 8.30 The Fred Dibnah Story: A Sort of Fame (2/7) (1920) N.L. 8.30 War Walks

Changing Rooms. The ulti-mate interior design challenge is presented by Carol Smillie (Ceefax)



Trainspotter Victoria Wood (9.30pm)

9.30 Great Railway Journeys: Crewe to Crewe, With Victoria Wood (Ceefax) (71365) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (108839) 11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (296210) 11.35 Seinfeld: The Contest (642568) 12.00 Grace under Fire. Jean learns that Rick

12,30am-6.00 Learning Zone (15230)

has spent the night with Grace (14501)

CHOICE Short Stories: Ghost Hunters

Channel 4, 8,30pm Dating from the 11th century, Littledean House in the Forest of Dean claims to be Britain's oldest residence. It is also notable for its ghosts, though the evidence for them is somewhat anecdotal. Because the house is expensive to maintain, the owner, Donald Macer-Wright, is in a dilemma. One option is to exploit the ghost angle in the hope that it will build up a tourist trade. The alternative is to sell. Macer-Wright calls in Randy Liebeck, a New Jersey policeman who has made a hobby of looking for ghosts. Helped by a team of home-grown experts, including a psychic, a vicar-exorcist and a clairvoyant, Liebeck spends a night at the house hoping that something spooky will show up. Annette Clark's film resists the temptation to mock. You could say it enters fully into the spirit.

Changing Rooms BBC2, 9.00pm

Carol Smillie, a presenter in the Anthea Turner mould of unquenchable jollity, hosts a new series in which neighbours refurbish each other's rooms. The danger of the format is obvious. If the redecoration does not meet approval, the neighbours could be at loggerheads for the rest of time. Let us hope the series is honest enough to show such an outcome, should it occur. At least there is no friction tonight as the programme visits Relsize Park in north London, home, we are told, of such celebrities as Chris Evans and Melvyn Bragg. Disappointingly, perhaps, it is not Chris and Melvyn who wield the paintbrushes. These belong to strictly noncelebrities. The challenge is to transform the room in two days on a budget of £500. There are useful hims to be picked up along the way but the impetus is to entertain.

Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9\_30pm

The series title is wildly inappropriate on this occasion and railway buffs may feel shortthis is one of the funniest documentaries for ages. A trip from Crewe and back, taking in Scotland and the North East, provides the Victoria Wood. She first hits her stride at Carnforth, scene of the romance between Encounter. Howard and Johnson become glorious running gag, though there is much else. The observation of people on train journeys is as acute as it is unmalicious. Even Wood's fun with a middle-aged train-spotter is gentle. She reserves her venom for and is unimpressed by steam revivals. She just wishes trains were clean and ran on time and that more people used them.

QED: Return of the Bloodsuckers BBC1. 10.00pm

After long being demonised by horror films aid to modern medicine. Matthew Clark, a rally driver, has special reason to be grateful to them. In an accident in his garage he lost the end of his thumb. Sewing it back on was one thing. But it took leeches to get the blood circulating again. They came from a farm in South Wales run by an American. Dr Roy Sawyer. He first encountered leaches in the swamps of his native Carolina. He gave up a distinguished academic career, during start the farm and convince sceptical drug companies. In plastic surgery the battle has been won. But Sawyer is pressing on with research which suggests that the saliva of a giant Amazonian leech could help to treat heart attacks and strokes. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (9455487) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (7259320)

9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3057181) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (2009029) 10.35 This Morning (64750365)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7430520) 12.30 News and Weather (Teletext) (2544655) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2529346) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (1007182) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (s) (97135742) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (s) (97121549) 2.50 Vanessa

3.20 News (Teletext) (7257926) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7256297)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (6507029) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (s) (4662365) 3.50 Chatterhappy Ponies (6405617) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (2229704) 4.15 Wolf It: the Next Generation (Teletext) (s) (7850075) 4.40 Goggle Watch (Teletext) (8925758)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (6423592) 5.40 News (Teletext) and Weather (543433) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (765605) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (517471) 7.00 Sportsweek (9891)

7.30 Coronation Street. All has an interesting meeting with Norris. The Platts plan a holiday (Teletext) (471)



Macaulay Culkin folls thieves (8.00)

8,00 FILM; Home Alone (1990). The now familiar story of a boy who is accidentally — and improbably — left behind when his parents go off for a Christmas holiday The now famous Macaulay Cuffon enloy the freedom of the house and the freedom to invade his siblings' rooms as weil as fend off two hapless burglars with an inventive array of home-made weaponry. Also staming Joe Pesci and Daniel Stem. Directed by Chris Columbus (r) (Teletext) (s) (7907)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (24839) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (316471) 10.40 FILM: Tales from the Dark Side (1990) Entertaining lun-horror film about a cute boy who tries to prevent a cannibal housewife cooking him for dinner by

reading her stories from his favourite book. Starring Christian Stater and Debbie Harry. Directed by John Harrison (Teletext) (s) (60756100) 12.20am God's Gift (2606489) 1.25 cyber.cafe (8794650)

1.55 Dear Nick (9487921)

2.55 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (8308766) 3.25 Nationwide Football League Extra (r) (1260785)

4.05 ITV Sport Classics (80552872) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (49872) 5.00 Hot Gossip (s) (91747)

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1.55 Home and Away (74296177) 2.25 Vanessa (97218029) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (1083297)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (6423592) 6.00 Westcountry Live (52100) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (9891) 10.40 FILM: Tales from the Darkside: The Movie (60756100)

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2.50-3.20 Our House (7251926) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (6423592) 6.25 Central News and Weather (517471) 7.00-7.30 Wheel of Fortune (9891) 12.20am Bushell on the Box (1098124) 2.55 in Focus (7995327)

3.35 ID4 Invasion — the Making of Independence Day (49394414) 4.00 Jobfinder (5251476)

5.20 Asian Eye (9180476) MERIDAN As HTV West except: **12.55pm Quisine** (2529346) 1.25 Home and Away (68486549) 1.55 Shortland Street (32888297)

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11.15 Meridian Masterclass (161568) 11.50 Pushing the Limits — the Making of Eraser (376013) 5.00am Freescreen (91747)

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2.00 Australia Wild (Teletext) (3617) 2.30 Channel 4 Racing from York (96162)

4.30 Countdown (384) 5.00 Ricki Lake (2220839)

5.45 Machinations: Mechanisms (817520) 6.00 Party of Five: Where There's Smoke. Charlie is accused of arson when a fire guts the troubled restaurant (s) (Teletext) (559146) 6.50 Fresh Pop (595617)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (816029)

7.55 Books of the Century (626346) 8.00 Brookside, Jules deals out a few home truths (Teletext) (s) (6181)



8.30 Short Stories: Ghost Hun-ters (s) (Teletext) (2988 9.00 Ellen: Salad Days, Ellen decides to host a sophisticated supper (6926)

9.30 The Lovers. Beryl decides men are lords and masters and tries to get Geoffrey to dominate her. With Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale (r) (Teletext) (35487) find out more about her past and reluctantly asks Lucas to help: (7384)

11 00 The Naked Truth Nora is unable to resist a movie star who asks her out on a date. With Tea Leoni (1471) 11.30 Cheers. Rebecca is embarrassed when

she throws herself at her boss and asks Sam for help (r) (57920) 12.00 The Peanut Club. A surplease club with a female clientele (5875872)

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1.20 FILM: Blue (1993). Derek Jarman's personal meditation on death, Aids and his fight against blindness, played out over a blank, blue screen for 75 minutes

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Croatian misfires as Agassi tries to defuse threat of quarter-final explosion

# Ivanisevic falls short in quest for credibility

FROM DAVID MILLER IN NEW YORK

GORAN IVANISEVIC is hoping to convince the tennis world that he is a leading player, not just a big server whose aces have carried him to a couple of Wimbledon finals. Yesterday, for the first time in the eight years he has competed in the US Open, he reached the quarter-finals, de-feating Andrei Medvedev, of Ukraine, ó-4, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

It was not the best of Ivanisevic. Phases of the match in the baking afternoon heat were turgid, but here and there the Croatian, who is seeded No 4, produced flashing passing shots that left Medvedev seeming heavy-footed. It will take more than this for Ivanisevic to get past Pete Sampras, the defending champion, whom he is sched uled to meet in the semi-final.

His quarter-final opponent will be either Tim Henman or Stefan Edberg, who were due to play late yesterday evening (BST). Medvedev, who is ranked 36 in the world, has more talent than he revealed here. In 1994-95 his progress as one of the outstanding teenagers on the circuit was impeded by knee and wrist injuries, but there were moments yesterday when he meekly hung his head in resignation when, in fact, the match was still there to be

This attitude was particularly conspicuous when he led the fourth set 6-5 and was in with a chance of pushing the match to five sets.

The quarter-finals in the bottom half of the draw take place today, a day ahead of the top half. They pit Andre Agassi against Thomas Muster, and Javier Sánchez, the older brother of Arantxa, Agassi match, unavoidably, is ing a straight-sets victory in

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confrontation between the respective No 6 and No 3 seeds.

Earlier in the year Agassi and Muster were flinging wild words at each other concerning Agassi's allegation that Muster's winning record, es-tablished predominantly on clay, did not satisfactorily establish him as No 1 in the world, the ranking that Muster gained in February. Muster responded with several

quoted obscenities. Fuel was added to the controversy at the start of this tournament when Agassi's seeding position was raised, and Muster's dropped below Chang, whom he leads on the ranking list, in a piece of clumsy manipulation by the seeding committee.

Having overcome the big

service of David Wheaton, Agassi was quick in his attempt to defuse the supposedly contentious quarter-final.

"I think there were some misinterpretations by the media." Agassi said. "I've always stated that he [Muster] deserves it [the No I ranking] for working so hard and accomplishing it, because it is

"But they [the media] would always follow it up with what I think of the ranking system. I've always complained about the ranking system [and its possible imbalance regarding different surfaces]. I think they took that, and somehow I was saying Thomas doesn't deserve it because of the ranking system ... I think that had a very negative effect."

The head-to-head record between Agassi and Muster is 4-4. Agassi having won the

has won three or four meetings on clay, including the French Open in 1994, a result reversed when the pair met again that year here at Flushing Meadow. Thomas hits the ball rough off both sides, and I have to work hard to beat him." Agassi said. "It's going to be

big tennis. Yet if anyone makes this more than a tennis match, that's their own issue. Come on, we're in the quarterfinals of the US Open. We both have won big events before, we both want to do it again. That's what we're both going out there to try to do."

Muster, who is 29, has been on the professional circuit for II years. His breakthrough in grand-slam events was when reaching the Australian semifinal in 1989. There followed four relatively lean years, a quarter-final here and there, before he established himself as a front-rank player when winning the French title last year on his favoured clay.

He failed to defend his title this year. This is the third time he has reached the US quarter-final. After his four-set victory over Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden, the No 13 seed on Monday, Muster declined to come to the interview room, having been troubled by an

Although this has been an erratic year for Agassi, with long spells of inactivity punctuated by winning the Olym-pic title and disappearing early from both the French Open and Wimbledon, his game has been coming together in the heat and turmoil of the stadium court here, an environment in which he seems to thrive. He was runner-up to Sampras last year, having won the title in 1994. It seems to me improbable that enough to thwart Agassi's

inspirational touch today. The head-to-head record between Sanchez and Chang is 3-0 in Chang's favour and the prediction must be that Chang will proceed into the semifinal, the stage he last reached



Ivanisevic could only find flashes of his usual power to defeat Medvedev yesterday. Photograph: Blake Sell

### Players set to club together in boycott of England

THE dispute between the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and its leading clubs escalated yesterday and now threatens the preparation of the Eng-land team. A national squad of 43 is due to meet at Bisham Abbey today for the second in a planned series of training sessions but Leicester's six chosen players will not be attending and more with drawals may follow.

Officials of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) are frank in their ambitions: their intention is to "maximise pressure" on the RFU in the hope of convincing that organisation — which they still acknowledge as the governing body for the game in England — that they are serious in their projected breakaway, for which they have now named a deadline of October 11.

Officials at all 24 clubs have discussed with their players, who are now also their employees, the rights and wrongs of the damaging dispute with the RFU, which culminated last Thursday with a declaration of independence. "I left it to our players to decide what they should do," Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, said. They tell me they will not be at Bisham.

"I was very pleased with the players' decision but I regret the fact that they have been put in a position where they are used as political pawns. We should have reached agreement long before now and it's true to say that we have to bring matters to a head, we can't have any further procrastination.

The players have recognised the strong commitment we have made to them, in the form of contracts and also to their new profession in terms of coaching structures and the reorganisation of our clubs." Even so, the RFU will proceed with what they describe as "mutually-agreed" arrangements. "It would be very sad, ing moved to a higher level, as seen in the southern hemisphere, if England's preparations were impinged upon at this stage." Don Rutherford, the RFU technical director.

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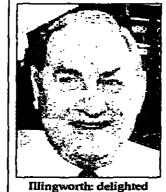
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# Illingworth wins | Managers face

By JOHN GOODBODY

RAYMOND Illingworth, the outgoing chairman of the Engoutgoing chairman of the England selectors, yesterday won his appeal against a £2,000 fine imposed by the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) for bringing the game into disrepute.

After a 512-hour meeting at Lord's, a four-man panel of the Cricket Council chaired by Desmond Perrett, QC, upheid Illingworth's appeal. Michael Lawrence, Illingworth's solictor, was sharply critical of the TCCB's original handling the dispute between



Hingworth and Devon Malcolm, the England fast bowler. which centred around remarks made by the pair in print

He accused them of "racism in reverse" and said the TCCB was "frightened to deal with Devon Malcolm but not frightened to deal with

However, the council accepted that Illingworth should have not published the book One Man Committee without the consent of the TCCB. It also found that Illingworth

tion committee without authority.

Illingworth looked triumphant as he left Lord's yesterday. "This has been a long, hard six months for my family and me and I have been subjected to a lot of pressure. We are naturally delighted with the result and feel fully vindicated," he said." I did not want to leave the game with the disrepute charge round my neck.

Illingworth, 64, retires next week after 22 years in the job with his final act being the naming of the England touring parties for the winter. Lawrence, said: "Ray has had some terrible letters accusing him of being racist. He has had terrible press publicity and been accused by people in the game as being racist. This

is wholly untrue. Lawrence said the "fundamental issue" in his case at the appeal was the different way in which the board had handled the public statements after the falling-out between Illingworth and Malcolm in South Africa last winter. Malcolm escaped without a fine when he explained why he believed he had been mishan-

dled in South Africa. Illingworth claimed that he wanted a right of reply. When he published his views in May was forced to appear before a TCCB disciplinary commit-tee and was fined the following month. Richard Little, the TCCB spokesman, said that although Malcolm was not fined he was asked to make a contribution to a charity. Charges were brought against

# appeal over fine disrepute charges

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WITH the FA Carling Pre-miership season barely three weeks old, four of English football's most senior figures find themselves in the disciplinary dock. Bryan Robson, Graeme Souness, Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachan were summoned yesterday to appear before the Football Association to explain their conduct during incidents at

recent matches. Of the variety of alleged misdemeanours, all involving referces. Strachan's is the most bizarre. The Coventry City assistant manager was sent off for dissent in the early stages of a reserve match against West Bromwich Albion last Thursday, but refused to leave the pitch.

Tony Green, the referee, halted the match to discuss the issue with Atkinson, the Coventry manager, and Alan Buckley, the West Bromwich manager, in his dressing-room. Play was resumed 15 minutes later, without

Strachan. Subsequently, Atkinson, for alleged remarks made to Green, and Strachan have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Each has been given 14 days to respond to the charge, with Atkinson already indicating he intends to contest it.

The pair, additionally, have been asked by the FA for their views after an incident on the touchline during the 2-0 defeat at Chelsea last month. Atkinson and Strachan protested forcibly when Petrescu's apparent handball was not penalised and Leboeuf scored. Paul Danson, the referee, highlighted it in his report. "It has raised the question of the

conduct of the two," an FA spokesman said.

Souness, the Southampton manager, and Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, also face disrepute charges after comments allegedly made to Michael Riley, a first-year Premiership referee, in successive matches. Sourcess was angered by Riley's handling of the match against Leicester City on August 21, in which he sent off Barry Venison, the Southampton captain.

Three days later. Robson was angered by Riley's display



Atkinson: hearing

his side's I-I draw against Nottingham Forest when he cautioned six players from Middlesbrough, also dismiss ing Nigel Pearson, and booked three from Forest.

Riley, a chartered account ant from Leeds, reported Souness and Robson to the FA. They have 14 days in which to request personal hearings.

On a busy day for the FA. Sunderland have been charged, with fielding an ineligible player. Alex Rae, in a reserve match.

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